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## Comment Of The Day

### Surprising Announcement

THE announcement that Ghana and the newly-proclaimed republic of Guinea will unite, has taken many by surprise. Guinea was a French colonial territory until this year. It repudiated the De Gaulle constitution and promptly became independent. Thereafter it was virtually ostracised by France. Overtures to Paris by its Premier, M. Sekou Touré, for closer collaboration have been slow. The Republic is not self-supporting. Nor does it adjoin Ghana (it is separated by the French colony of the Ivory Coast, Liberia and Sierra Leone). Many wonder how the proposed union will fare.

Ghana itself has been independent since early this year. Its traditions in administration, justice and government which have been fashioned on those of Britain are different from those of Guinea. There is the involved if not awkward question of the union's membership of the Commonwealth. Again Ghana is a member of the sterling area while Guinea is still working in the Franc area. Admittedly no difficulty is beyond solution and the protagonists of the union claim that their Africanisms are sufficient to bind them.

PERHAPS the most serious point of criticism of the proposed union is that it appears to have been hastily conceived and inadequately planned. Nkrumah has made himself known as a champion of pan-African union but as a correspondent in the South China Morning Post has said "nobody in Africa believes it possible of realisation within the next century". And while the ideal may be worthy it is impossible to avoid the feeling that Nkrumah has acted impetuously.

Nkrumah may claim he is doing no more than Nasser in the Middle East—and Britain elsewhere in Africa and the West Indies. But like Nasser, who also put political idealism above economic realism, he may find the union a millstone around his neck. Nkrumah is reported to have said that the present borders of Africa based on colonialism make no economic or historical sense. He may be right but overnight upheavals of the kind he proposes will not impress the world that he is setting the right way about correcting the mistakes of the past.

## NEW KOWLOON HOSPITAL TO BE NAMED AFTER THE QUEEN

# DUKE'S HK PROGRAMME

## Engagements

### For Three-Day Stay

It was announced from Government House today that Her Majesty the Queen has been graciously pleased to approve that the new Kowloon Hospital shall be named the Queen Elizabeth Hospital and that His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, has consented to lay the foundation stone of the new hospital on Saturday, March 7, 1959.

During his visit, from March 6 to 8, Prince Philip will stay at Government House. On the afternoon of his arrival, His Excellency the Governor will give a Garden Party and in the evening His Royal Highness will be entertained to dinner by representatives of the Chinese community of Hongkong.

#### To Lay Foundation Stone

His Royal Highness will spend the morning of Saturday March 7, with the Armed Services and then, after a reception which he will give on board the Royal Yacht Britannia, His Royal Highness will cross to Kowloon to lay the foundation stone of the new hospital and pay a short visit to the new Technical College.

In the evening the Prince will attend a display by youth organisations at the Government Stadium.

His Royal Highness will leave Hongkong in the Royal Yacht Britannia on the afternoon of March 8. Further details of the programme for the visit will be announced later.

## NO BRITISH DIVORCE FOR SEX-CHANGED SPOUSE

London, Nov. 25.

THE Attorney-General, Sir Reginald Manningham-Buller, today refused to alter the British divorce law to enable marriages to be dissolved because a spouse had changed his or her sex.

Mr Kenneth Robinson (Labour) had urged this in the House of Commons.

He referred to the case last May of Mr Victor Dolling who left his wife because he wanted to become a woman.

#### NO DECREE

The wife lost a petition for a decree of divorce on the ground of cruelty by her husband.

The judge said Mr Dolling had no physical abnormalities but doctors said he was suffering from a mental illness which made him to some extent feel like a woman and want to be a woman.

On their advice he was given doses of hormones "with the express intention to accelerate and facilitate development of female characteristics".

Dolling, now dressed as a woman, is employed as a

woman clerk by British Railways.

The judge said it was a terrible tragedy for the "unfortunate young wife" but rejected her petition. If she waited until 1960 she might get a divorce for desertion.

#### NOT NEEDED

In the Commons today, the Attorney-General said:

"The Court of Appeal held, on the particular facts of this case, that the conduct of the respondent did not amount to cruelty. He did not think there was any need to amend the law by seeking to specify what acts constitute cruelty for the purposes of the law of divorce or by making express provision for the type of case mentioned by Mr Robinson."

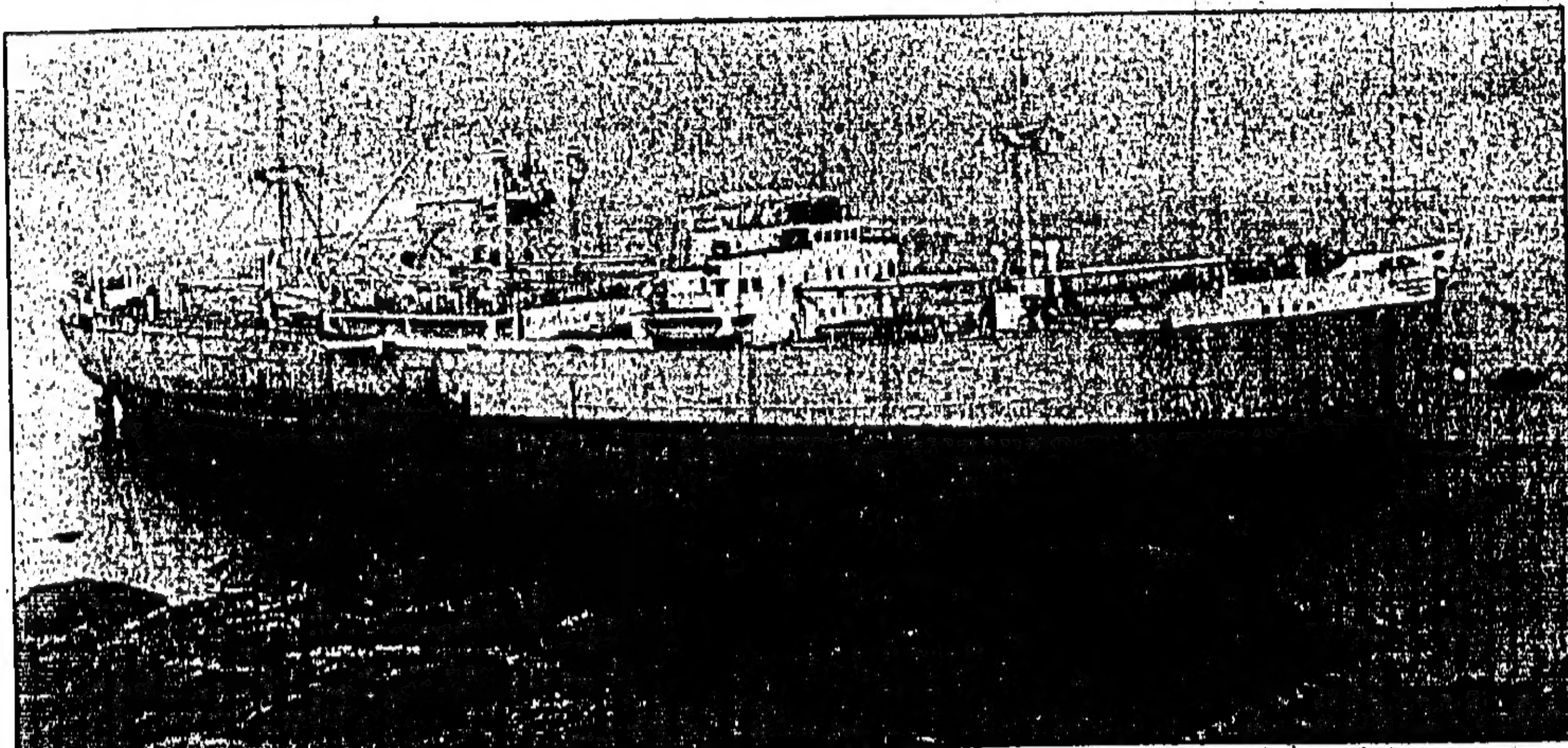
## Asian Flu Back In Malaya

Kuala Lumpur, Nov. 25.

The Health Department believes Asian influenza may be back in Malaya.

The number of cases reported by hospitals has shot up from a normal 300 a week to more than 1,000.—China Mail Special.

## Fast Aground After Dense Fog



## Travelled 12,000 Miles To Join The Army

Southampton, Nov. 25.

Instead of "joining the army to see the world," a Sikh has seen the world in a bid to join the army.

Recruiting officers here today told the story of Pakhar Singh, aged 21, while the young man awaited a reply from the War Office to his application to enlist.

Singh reached Southampton this week after travelling 12,000 miles from Malaya in 322 days, through 14 countries.

#### Gets Around

He told the staff at the recruiting office here: "It has to be the British Army because it is the only army which really gets around."

This is the story of Singh's fight to enlist for a lifetime's service to Queen Elizabeth. After six months' training in the Malayan section of the British Army at the age of 18, Pakhar Singh bought himself out on discovering that he could not transfer to the regular army.

Disappointed, he wrote to the Queen asking if he could be accommodated in a troopship proceeding to England.

#### No Guarantee

The War Office replied that if he came it would have to be at his own expense and that his enlistment could not be guaranteed.

For his journey, he bought a pedal cycle in Singapore. With savings of £10 he made his way alone to Britain.

He cycled a considerable distance then disposed of his machine and hitch-hiked by way of Afghanistan, Turkey, Greece, Yugoslavia, Italy, Switzerland and France.

On reaching Dover by British Railways steamer from Boulogne, he still had £3 in his pocket, having been helped by fellow countrymen he had met on the way.

Tonight he was staying at a Salvation Army Hostel in Southampton awaiting word from the War Office.—Reuter.

## Airlift Ready

Berlin, Nov. 25. The Western Allies today decided to supply their isolated Berlin garrisons by a fleet of more than 600 four-engined aircraft, for one to three weeks according to the winds, which will carry them across the ocean.

## To Attempt Crossing Of Atlantic In 46-Foot Balloon

London, Nov. 25.

A 46-foot balloon with which three men and a woman hope to cross the Atlantic underwent its first operational test flight at the Royal Air Force station in Bedfordshire today.

About 100 feet up in thick mist, the team tested their radio receiver and transmitter. Tomorrow, the balloon and its 15-foot by eight-foot gondola car will be packed for transport to Southampton.

#### THE TEAM

On Saturday the team, Arnold Elliott, the 51-year-old leader, his son Timothy, 21, Colin Mudie, 32, and his wife Rosemary, 30, will sail from Southampton to Tenerife in the Canary Islands. This will be the starting point of the attempt.

The balloon has been assembled at Cridlington, home of the pre-war R.101 and other airships, and test work will continue tomorrow.

The venture is the idea of Colin Mudie, who once sailed across the Atlantic by the same route, the Canaries to the West Indies, in a 14-foot long boat with one companion.

This voyage was considered to be an outstanding achievement in navigation and because of this the Royal Navigation Institute are helping the balloon expedition.

#### 'YELLOW CAR'

The team will occupy the small yellow open car, which is of synthetic fabric and built round a framework of steel tubes, for one to three weeks according to the winds, which will carry them across the ocean.

Fast on the Meg Watson Rock, near St Abb's on the East Coast of England, sits the Swiss ship Nyon, which ran on to the rock in dense fog. The 5,058-ton vessel was bound from Leith to Dakar with a cargo of grain.—Express Photo.

## 'Go Home Nixon'

London, Nov. 25.

About 200 British Communists tonight held an orderly rally urging Mr Richard Nixon, the American Vice-President, to "go home."

Later, half of them paraded through London and presented a statement to the U.S. Embassy, protesting against Mr Nixon's presence in London. They carried banners saying "Nixon means war"—Reuter.

## Poujade Withdraws

Paris, Nov. 25.

M. Pierre Poujade, anti-tax leader who failed to gain an absolute majority last Sunday in his first stand for election to parliament, tonight announced his withdrawal in his constituency at Saumur in western France.

All Poujadist candidates in the same department also announced their withdrawal from the second balloting next Sunday.—Reuter.

## JAPANESE CROWN PRINCE'S CHOICE

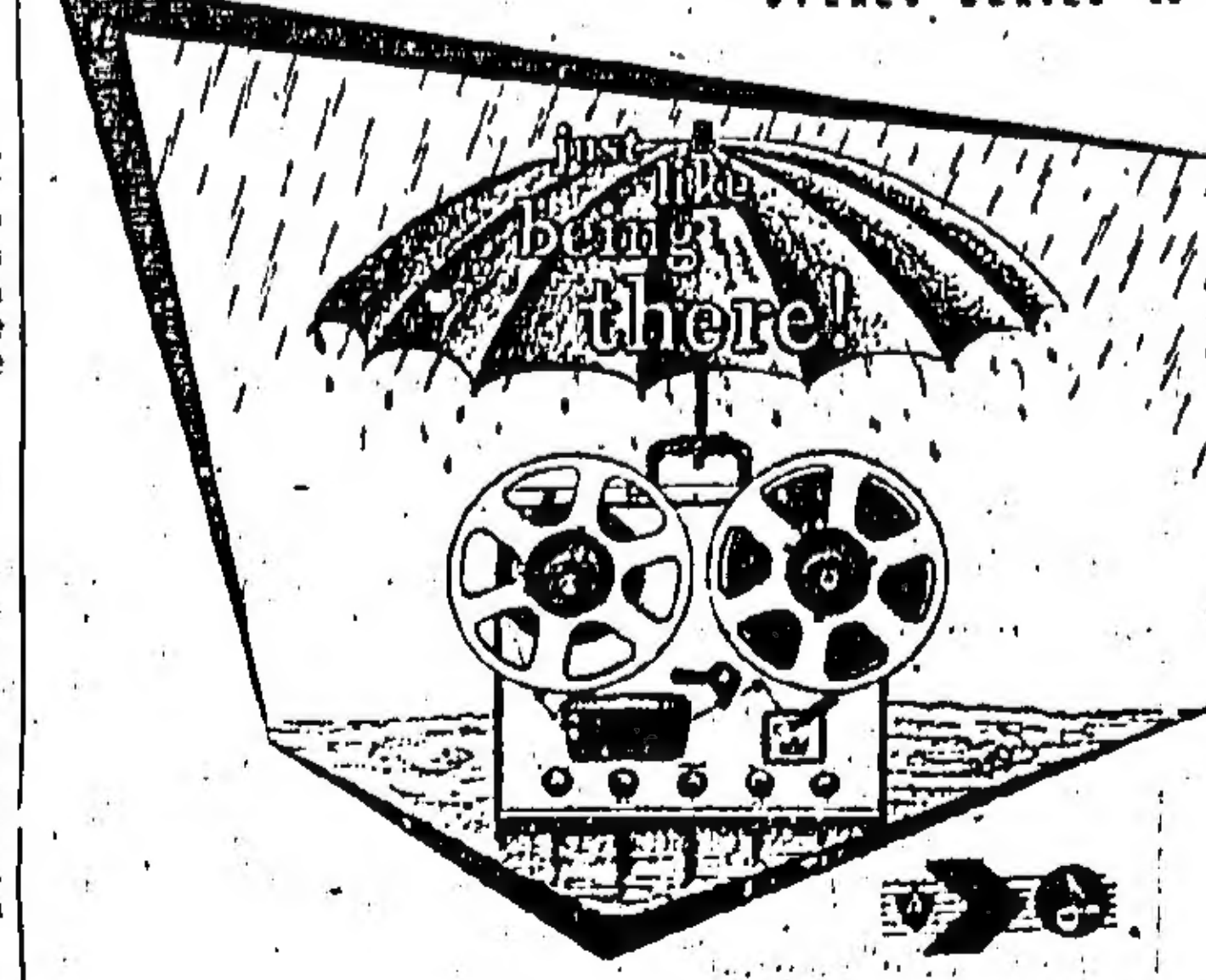
Tokyo, Nov. 25.

The Japanese Imperial Court announced today that an Imperial family conference will be held tomorrow morning to decide on the choice of a bride for Crown Prince Akihito.

The conference was regarded here as a mere formality to endorse a choice made long ago, and an official announcement of the future Empress is expected tomorrow afternoon.

The Imperial family conference will be held at the Palace and will be presided over by Premier Nobusuke Kishi and attended by nine other people—Princess Chikako and Princess Takamatsu, the Speakers and Deputy Speakers of the two Houses of Parliament, two high judges and the Director of the Imperial Household Agency.—France-Press.

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Lady Black watches a young child painting during her visit this morning to the Bung Lan Middle School at Leighton Road. With her is the Director of Education, the Hon. D. J. B. Crozier.—China Mail Photo.

## 'IT'S THE AGE OF DARING'

London, Nov. 25. A woman doctor suggested to a conference here that quite a few illegitimate children in Britain were born because of love "dare".

Dr Catherine Jones, former child welfare medical officer for Gloucester, was addressing a conference of the National

Council for Unmarried Mothers. She declared: "This is the age of daring, to dare someone to do this, that or the other is becoming a popular pastime."

She explained: "I have no facts to support my theory but I am convinced that quite a number of young unmarried mothers

find themselves in that situation because it all started out with a dare.

"It is fashionable at the moment to accept a dare, young people read about actresses and such like doing preposterous things because they were dared to do so—and they try to copy."—China Mail Special.



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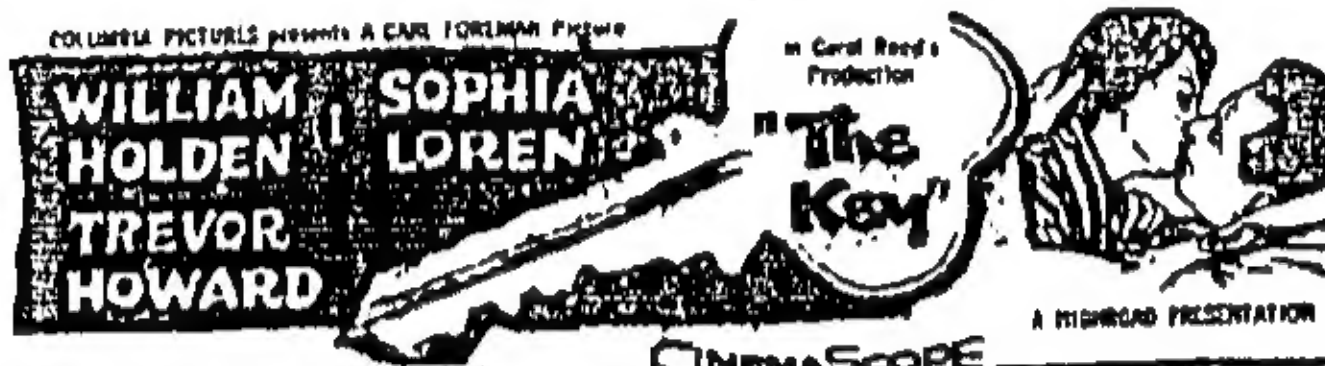
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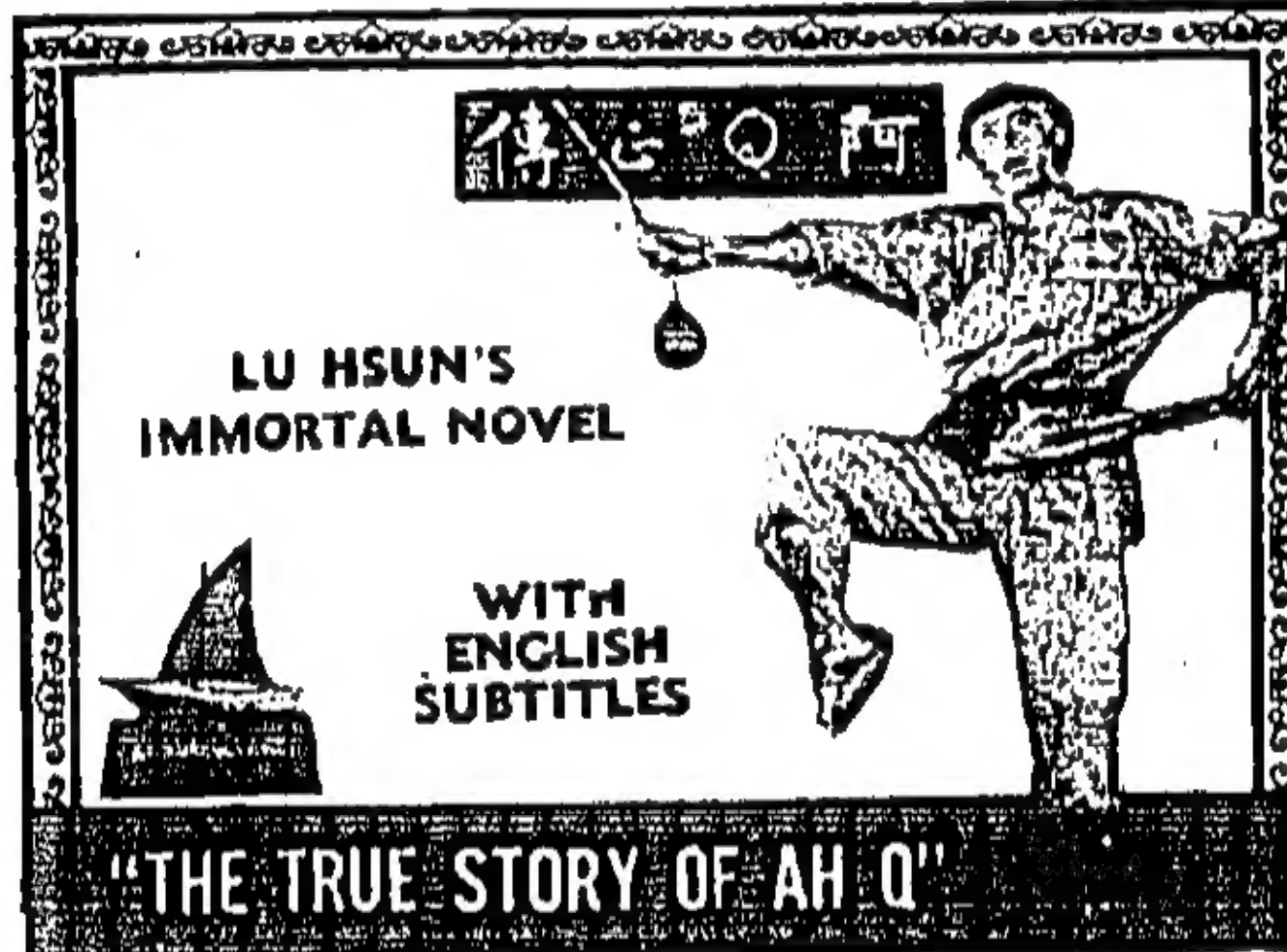
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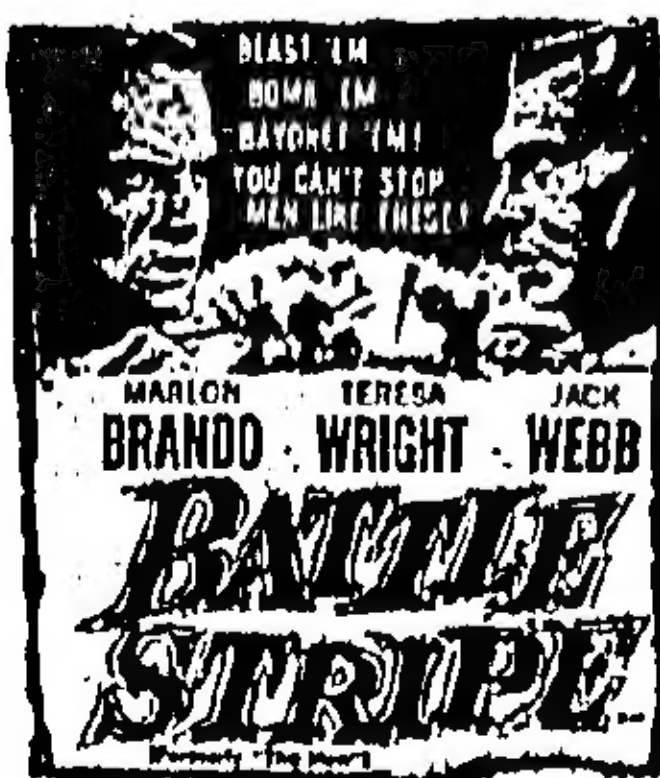
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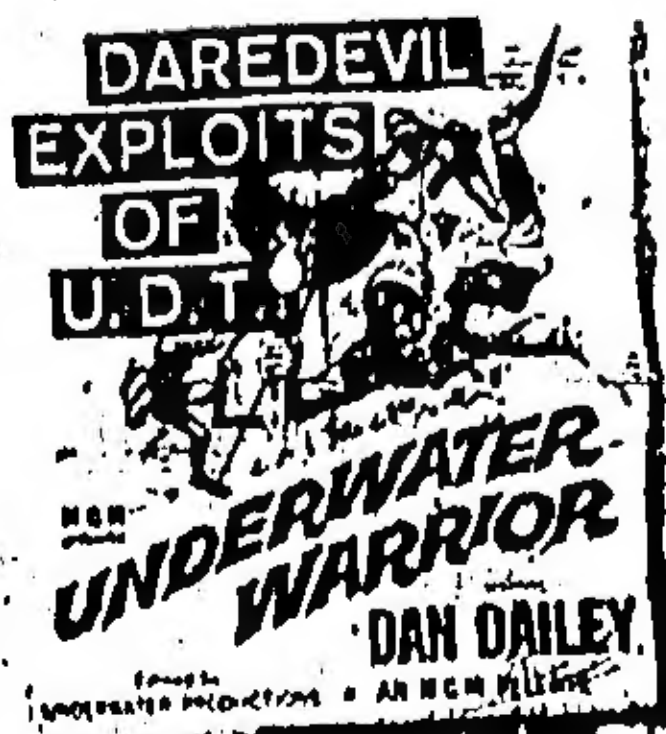
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## U.S. TROOPS ARE GANGS OF DRUNKS

New York, Nov. 25. A former Marine first lieutenant recently back from Okinawa charged today that restless and homesick American troops there have turned to "drunkenness, hoodlumism and gang street-fighting."

He said the situation is so bad that many Okinawans have learned to hate Americans and vote for the Communists.

The former Marine, Barton M. Biggs, now a Washington, D.C. schoolteacher, made his charges in an article published by Harper's Magazine.

In the Marine Division on Okinawa, Biggs wrote, "one regiment lives in tents, two others are packed into Quonset huts which the Army condemned as unfit for troops in 1947."

"Only one regiment lives in respectable quarters. 'In the Quonset hut camp where I was stationed, there was no gymnasium or even a recreation room where the troops could write letters."

### Rotting Floors

"We were crammed into barracks with rotting floors and leaking roofs which were infested with termites and mosquitoes; the toilet facilities were unsanitary and continuously breaking down."

It is not surprising that the troops, for want of anything better to do, have gotten into the habit of going into town to get drunk.

"When they do go to town the results have often been violent and disastrous."

### Racial Wars

"Last summer inter-racial warfare between bored American troops was a nightly occurrence which reached a climax when a white marine was beaten to death by a gang of coloured marines."

"Interservice fighting is frequent and bloody—in August of 1956 almost eight hundred men were involved in a Navy vs. Marines free-for-all which spread quickly from town to town."

"That summer it was reported that 30 per cent of the patients in the American hospital were there because of injuries sustained in street fights."

### 'Headhunters'

"One gang of army toughs calling themselves the 'headhunters' wandered through the towns with taped fists and the sole objective of beating senseless as many people, Okinawans or Americans, as they could in an evening."

Biggs said the venereal disease rate sometimes reached as high as 10 or 15 per cent in the company to which he was attached.

From 60,000 to 80,000 women engage in "the most blatant and obvious kind of prostitution with girls soliciting openly and loudly in the streets," he added. — U.P.I.

## London Racket Operator Gaoled

London, Nov. 25. Carmelo Messina, one of five brothers said to have operated a vice racket in the London West End, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment here today and recommended for deportation.

The 43-year-old prisoner was found guilty of two charges alleging that he landed in Britain as an alien without permission and failed to produce a passport or other document establishing his identity and nationality.

He had pleaded not guilty claiming he was a British protected subject. A detective told the Old Bailey that Messina was one of five brothers who between them had owned or held the leases of at least 38 West End properties mostly used for purposes of prostitution.

### Leases

He still held leases in the West End, used by convicted prostitutes, the officer added. Messina was said to have been imprisoned for two months in 1947 for attempted bribery at a London prison and to have had one previous conviction abroad.

Defence counsel said that Messina would appeal. After he was found guilty today police told the Court that Messina was sentenced by a Brussels Court to a total of 23 months' imprisonment on various charges in his absence in December, 1956. — China Mail Special.

## Duke Looks In On "Little War"

Mukelras, Aden, Nov. 25. The Duke of Gloucester today visited this frontline post in the "little war" between the Yemen and Britain's Aden protectorate.

The visit was recognised as a security risk.

As the Duke stared from an observation post in the direction of the Yemen border, three miles away, he was guarded by Aden levies with machine-guns peering through embrasures.

Patrols on the hillsides fired snipes showing their positions. The garrison commander, Lieutenant-Colonel Frederick de Butts, explained to the Duke that they were there "in case your visit is interfered with."

### Mock Battle

The garrison, which is composed of Aden levies, a company of the Prince of Wales Own and some Royal Artillery units, put on a demonstration for the Duke, firing howitzers

and mortars at a ridge, while four Venom fighters carrying out a mock air strike set a hilltop ablaze.

The Duke, on the final day of a tour of Ethiopia, Somalia and Aden, had flown from Aden over fantastic "moon landscape" of rocks and craters to the edge of a 6,000-foot plateau, where the tented camp stands.

Earlier, the Duke inspected Navy and Air Force establishments at Aden. At the headquarters of the Aden levies he was escorted by troops on camels.

The Duchess toured hospitals, schools, and the Women's Royal Air Force detachment at Aden. — China Mail Special.

## No Hope For Chaplins



Charles Chaplin Jr. and his bride of three months, Susan Magness Chaplin, appeared in court this month where Chaplin was ordered to pay \$150 a month temporary support when it was determined that there is no chance of a reconciliation. Mrs Chaplin who is expecting a child in June, 1959 said there was no chance their divorce suit would be cancelled. — U.P.I. photo.

## Radio Protest

Rome, Nov. 25. The Italian Government today asked the Czech Government to remove from the Czech Legation in Rome a "clandestine wireless transmitter" alleged to be replaying biased news to Prague for use in Italian language broadcasts from Prague radio, authoritative quarters said here tonight.

In an aide-memoire handed to the Czech Charge d'Affaires Italy protested against this "violation of normal diplomatic usage and of Italian law," they added. — Reuter.

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## Unionist Victim Of Smear Policy

London, Nov. 25. The Executive Council of the 950,000-strong Amalgamated Engineering Union announced tonight that a special committee had found Communists guilty of a "concerted and sustained campaign" against Mr Tom Chapman, the union's North London organiser.

It found that an allegation against Mr Chapman of assaulting a woman member of his staff had not been substantiated. The union's six-month inquiry was begun following a complaint by Mr Chapman to the AEU leadership.

He alleged lack of co-operation and obstruction by officials of the North London, Slough and Southall Districts who, he said, wanted to prove him incompetent and unable effectively to represent his members.

Mr Chapman also complained that three members of the North London District had falsely accused him of assaulting a Miss Spinks.

The Executive Council said in their report that in North London there had been for many years a preponderance of Communists on the district committee.

### Reds Angry

Until Mr Chapman was elected, all important full-time posts were held by members of the Communist Party, except during one short period.

There was no doubt that the Communists in North London were keenly disappointed and in fact angered because the members had elected Mr Chapman.

There was no doubt whatsoever that a concerted and sustained campaign had been carried out against him as divisional organiser. — Reuter.

## Young Rebel Leader Captured

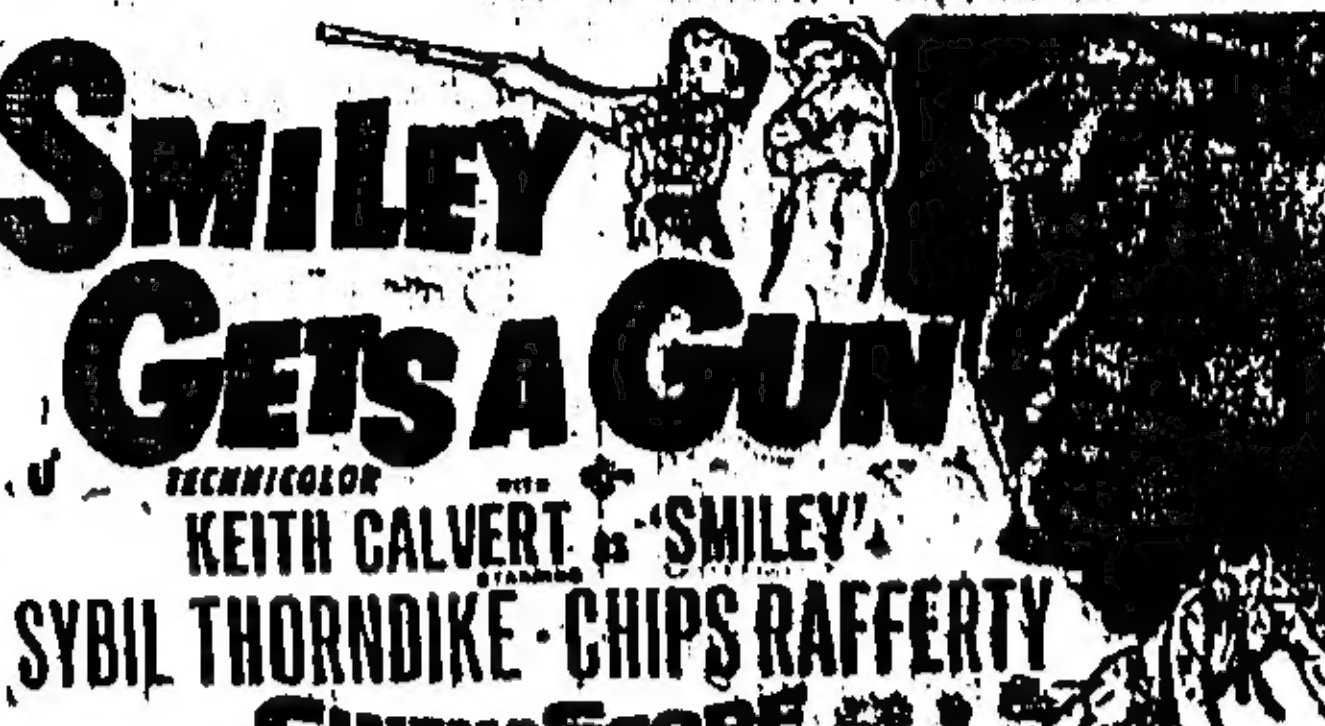
Algiers, Nov. 25. A young rebel chieftain, named Si Azzedine, leader of a crack rebel commando group was captured after being wounded in a clash with French security forces in the Kabylia area of central Algeria, a week ago, the French military authorities revealed here today. Si Azzedine, 25, was a recent convert to the rebel cause but had received rapid promotion in recent months. He was captured on November 17 while on an inspection tour of rebel units near Tlemcen.

He was at the time the military chief of the "Fourth Willaya" (rebel section chief) and was wounded in the left arm during an operation led by General Jacques Massu.

A rebel group was wiped out during the fighting and Si Azzedine was captured afterwards in the Palestro region. — France-Press.

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# PEOPLE

## in the news

A Weekly China Mail Feature

### Train Bandit Paroled After 31 Years Gaol

Ostern, Oregon, Nov. 25. — Hugh Deutremont, 54, winner of a parole after 31 years in prison for a 1923 murder-train robbery attempt in Southern Oregon, looked forward today to job as a printer and freedom from publicity.

The Oregon parole board voted unanimously on Monday to grant Deutremont a parole after he completed a pre-release training period, normally about 60 days.

Deutremont was convicted of murder in 1927 and has been in prison ever since. His elder twin brothers, Roy and Ray, also are under life sentences. Roy is in the state hospital.

The 1923 train robbery was one of the classic crimes of the West in the roaring 20's. On Oct. 11, a Southern Pacific mail train was making its way through the Siskiyou Mountains. As it reached a tunnel, it was halted by three bandits.

Three trainmen were shot to death and a mail clerk was killed in the dynamite explosion of the mail car. The bandits fled without getting any loot.

The three Deutremonts were indicted for assault on a mail clerk that December. But despite one of the West's biggest man-hunts, the bandits remained at large. Four years later, Hugh was located in the Philippines through a wanted poster. He was serving in the army under an assumed name. The older brothers were found living in Ohio. All were brought back to Oregon and got life for murder.

"I haven't had time for this to sink in. Perhaps it will begin to percolate after a while," Deutremont said when informed of the parole. He has been working at the print shop in the state prison and said he wanted a job free from the glare of publicity. — People Special.

### SHAH WAGES WAR AGAINST THE PERSIAN WAY OF LIFE

By Ali Mehrawari

The Shah of Iran, 39-year-old Mohammed Reza Pahlavi, has thrown his whole constitutional authority, personal popularity and prestige into a war against corruption.

He is determined to put administration of the country on an honest footing.

He has ordered the Prime Minister, Dr. Manouchehr Eghbal, to present a bill to the Majlis (Lower House) prohibiting all ministers, civil servants, members of both houses of Parliament and military personnel from entering into business transactions with Government agencies.

Any member of Parliament, Government employee or military officer entering into deals, tenders, bids and contracts with the Government, will be prosecuted and, upon conviction, sentenced to between two and four years' solitary confinement. The law will also apply to anyone trying to participate in such deals through agents.

#### A Decree

The Shah has also issued a decree ordering the members of the Royal household to consider themselves bound by the same restrictions as provided in the Government bill.

For years past, Members of Parliament, Ministers, high-ranking government officials and army officers have had transactions with government agencies.

Some have established big private enterprises by exerting influence on various government agencies.

A bill now before the Majlis is entitled, "How did you earn it?" It obliges all Government employees to declare their personal property and wealth as well as the belongings of their wives (Islamic law permits multiple marriage) and children. They must reveal their sources of income and the means by

which they acquired their wealth.

In future they will have to declare their wealth during October and November of every coming year.

Those who fail to do this may forfeit not only their possessions but their jobs.

The Shah, in a series of plain statements during the past several years, has told his people that bribery and corruption are a menace which must be banished completely before Iranian life can function properly, become prosperous and win universal respect.

Enthusiastic Iranians say "If the Government can stop officials taking bribes, force the rich to pay taxes and cut out petty corruption at the bottom, it will be a miracle."

When Iranians say that a Government official is good they simply mean that he is not corrupt.

When they talk about a new Minister they ask "Is he rich?" If the answer is "yes" they know he is honest. If he is poor, they ask "has he served the Government before?" If he has, then it follows he is honest. They firmly believe that anyone who has served in politics for several years and remains poor, cannot be otherwise than honest.

The vast majority of Iranian civil servants are honest and devoted workers—if somewhat poorly paid.

#### There's Hope

There is hope, especially among the younger generation, that the anti-corruption campaign will be a success.

The new feeling of enthusiasm is due to the fact that the Shah, now at the peak of his power and popularity, is determined to wipe out corruption completely.

He has set in motion a special committee headed by one of his closest aides, General Morteza Yazdani, to investigate and inquire into the grievances and complaints of the public against Government agencies, civil or military.

A hand-picked team of inspectors have been given authority to probe into any ministry in investigating illegalities.

There is to be a campaign against corruption in private life as well.

For centuries landlords, factory owners and merchants have underpaid their workers.

Some estate owners, who behave like little emperors, have

now been deprived of their feudal exactions from the peasants.

The Shah has issued a decree ordering provincial governors and renderment to stop landowners taking "gifts" from peasants such as cattle, sheep, chickens, eggs and marriage presents. No longer will they be able to impose fines and forced labour on farm workers.

Employers will have to abide by new regulations for wage increases recently promulgated by the Ministry of Labour.

The State taxation system is being overhauled and a unique bill is expected to come before the Majlis soon introducing efficient methods of tax collection which would stop evasions by the rich.

Another revolutionary land reform bill will follow. This will carve up big estates.

The Shah is—or was—Iran's biggest land owner. Since 1950 he has been distributing Royal estates inherited from his father, the late Reza Shah the Great, among the peasants who till them.

### Mother Still Believes Son Gaoled For Killing Is Good Boy At Heart

By PETER VANE

THE parents of teenage gunman Christopher Craig, who shocked Britain six years ago by killing a policeman, have given up their home in a London suburb and are now in New Zealand.

Mr Niven Craig, former Army captain, bank cashier, and crack Bisley shot, arrived with his wife at Wellington in the liner Southern Cross.

Just four weeks before they had set in the visitors' room at Wormwood Scrubs Prison and, through the wire mesh, had said "Goodbye" to Christopher and the elder brother he idolized, Niven.

Both brothers were described by Old Bailey judge as "very dangerous young men." Both are still paying the penalty for their crazy love of guns.

CHRISTOPHER, now aged 22, is detained during the Queen's pleasure for killing Constable Sidney Miles in a Croydon rooftop battle in November 1952.

He was too young to be hanged. But his associate in the fight, Derek William Bentley, aged 19, was hanged.

#### Kept quiet

NIVEN, now aged 33, is serving 12 years for armed robbery.

The departure of the gunman's tragic parents—Mr Craig has now retired—has been kept as quiet as possible. Only a few close friends and relatives knew that they were bound for New Zealand.

A relative told me "I know Mr and Mrs Craig are desperately anxious to get Christopher away from the influence of his past friends and to help him make a decent life for himself. They think there is a good chance of doing that in New Zealand."

The Craigs are expected to stay with their daughter Jean, who married a New Zealand ex-Serviceman.

### African Bus Manager

Salisbury. — An African who was a ploughboy, years ago, today has an income of £20 a day. Bernard Vito, son of a policeman, wanted a town job, so he left his village near Salisbury and went to the city. His first job was that of an office boy earning £2 a month.

In his second job he earned £3 a month and managed to save £10. With this he bought an old car, converted it into a van and sold it for £25.

In his third job he was his own boss and used the £25 to buy himself a lorry for his bus work. With more money coming in, he bought more lorries and two buses. When a firm took over all buses in Salisbury, they paid Mr Vito £4,000 for his bus and permit. Mr Vito still had two buses after the company had bought his town ones. He used them to ply between Salisbury and the native reserves and steadily increased his fleet. Now he has seven, employs 16 people, and makes a net profit of £20 a day. — People Special.

### Baby Flies To London

London, Nov. 25.

Nine months old Christopher Holloway, said to be dying of an incurable heart disease, flew into London with his parents today from Salisbury, was given top priority by London Airport police today, and hurried through the customs to Central London. An ambulance which met the plane carried oxygen equipment. The trip of Christopher and his parents to London was paid for by the British Army Welfare Fund. — People Special.

### A COMMUNIST DICTATOR FOR AMERICA

HE looked like a retired Kentucky colonel. Our eyes met through the prickly haze of an all-American cigar. To the West End cocktail drinkers around us he looked a typical, though tired, American tourist.

But I knew him as the might-have-been Communist dictator of America. For the tired man facing me was Earl Browder, formerly America's No. 1 Communist who on two occasions — 1930 and 1940 — ran for U.S. President on a Communist ticket.

They called him the "Yankee Stalin." Browder had just flown in from New York on a brand new passport withheld from him for 13 years. He is in Britain to launch his book, "Marx and America."

He said: "My old friend Harry Pollitt would have a fit if he saw me now—if anyone spotted him talking to me, he would lose the few remaining followers he has."

For like Bulgaria, Molotov, and Malenkov, Browder has topped and fallen under the "devils" sign.

#### 'Best Turn'

What Mr B is going through now in Russia, Browder knows only too well. But Browder has avoided "confessing and is unrepentant."

"It was the best turn anyone has done me when THEY—and he looked over his shoulder—'kicked me out.'"

"What do you think of Khrushchev?" I asked.

"Him," he snorted, "he is just a Johnny-come-lately. I know the founders of the party, the tough old guard." And I queried—Stalin?

"A very great man. A very criminal man too. He overshadowed everyone—even my old friend Molotov, whom I last met in Moscow in 1946."

He chuckled: "Look where he is now."

#### Mistakes

Browder was purged in 1946 for "betraying the principles of Marxism and Leninism and deserting to the side of the class enemy—American monopolistic capital."

He laughed, wryly at this. "Capital," he exclaimed. "I am a very poor man indeed."

I asked him about his book. "It is an attempt to examine some key mistakes which Karl Marx made when we examine his work in the light of American experience."



EARL BROWDER

He followed Molotov

### School Master Dead After Smacking Boy

Eastbourne.

A schoolteacher who was rebuked by his headmaster after smacking a young boy in class was later found dead at the foot of Seaford Head, near Eastbourne, it was stated at an Eastbourne inquest.

An open verdict was recorded on George David Mitchell-Dawson (39) of the Old Swan, Rushmore, Epsom, Surrey. He had been missing since November 13.

His wife, Margaret, said they had lived happily together. Her husband came home from school on November 12, "Very upset."

"His classes are large and a little boy at the back was making a nuisance of himself," She continued.

Her husband twice told the boy to be quiet and then

smacked him.

"His headmaster noticed that and told him 'If you cannot control your class you had better take a week off,'" Mrs Mitchell-Dawson said.

"The headmaster gets a bit

haughty," she added.

The East Sussex Coroner Dr

A. C. Somerville, said there

was no evidence of suicide and

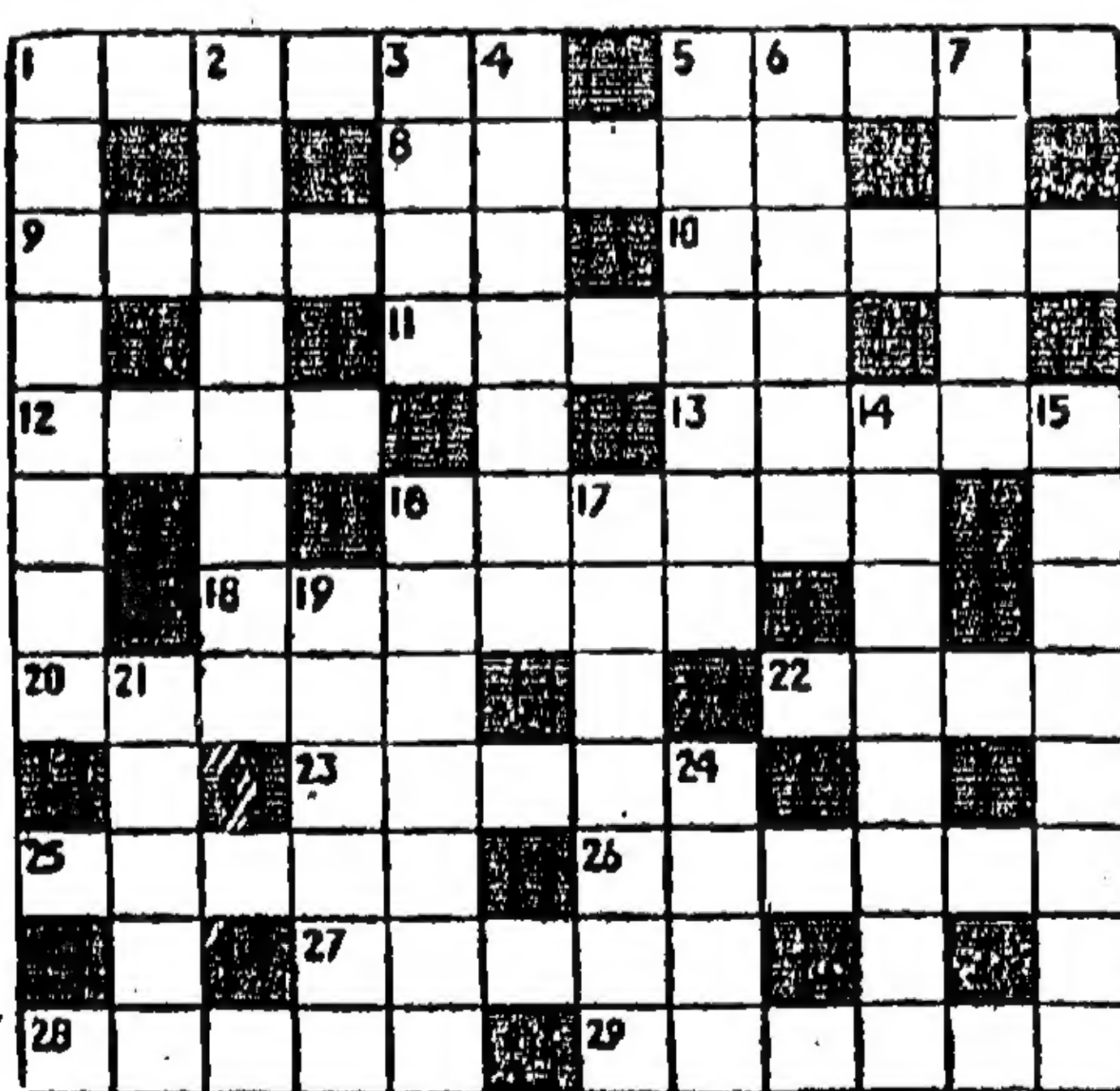
no evidence to show how

Mitchell-Dawson came to be at

the foot of the cliff. — People

Special.

### A British Crossword Puzzle



#### ACROSS

- 1 They clip (6).
- 5 Church land (5).
- 8 Conscious of internal strife (5).
- 9 Punctual (2, 4).
- 10 A huge nautical command (6).
- 11 French pen might adorn a hat (5).
- 12 Henk becomes a potentate (4).
- 13 Fish with a rod (5).
- 16 Decline to accept rubbish (5).
- 18 Educational stages (6).
- 20 Bear or Dane, maybe (6).
- 22 Little case from the Tuilleries (4).
- 23 Some of his writing had an internal theme (5).
- 25 Set in, one must acknowledge (5).
- 26 Spain and Portugal (6).
- 27 All together now! Bang! (6).
- 28 Possibility of power (6).
- 29 How cool may put in an appearance (6).

#### DOWN

- 1 Keeping a supply of hose (8).
- 2 Alienate (8).
- 3 Naturally it's not on the level (4).
- 4 Some suffer from such a head (7).
- 5 Well-known puffer (7).
- 6 Royal remonitions by the river-side? (6).
- 7 Fundamental (5).
- 14 He given things their original look (6).
- 15 Son's expectation? (8).
- 16 Postman's knock (7).
- 17 Christmas is such an occasion (7).
- 19 Is it beloved of the artist in his salad days? (6).
- 21 Spoken (5).
- 23 Bone turned black (4).

TUESDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 3 Seal, 7 Sport, 8 Epee, 9 Urge, 10 Prow-ess, 12 Trio, 16 Diced, 18 Hand, 19 Im-ago, 21 Spure, 22 Arch, 23 Sower, 25 Ever, 26 Andante, 27 Ears, 31 Bif, 32 Girth, 33 Yoke. Down: 1 Entry, 2 Crow-bar, 4 Curve, 5 Beat, 6 Demi, 8 Ured, 11 Erase, 13 Bend, 14 Oven, 16 Died, 17 Info, 18 Haze, 20 Miracle, 22 Awns, 24 Earth, 25 State, 27 Vein, 28 Joly.

### HOME COOKING FOR ELVIS IN GERMANY

Frankfurt, West Germany. — American rock 'n' roll star Elvis Presley, now serving as a United States Army private in Germany, has changed hotels at Bad Nauheim near here so that he can enjoy grandmother's cooking.

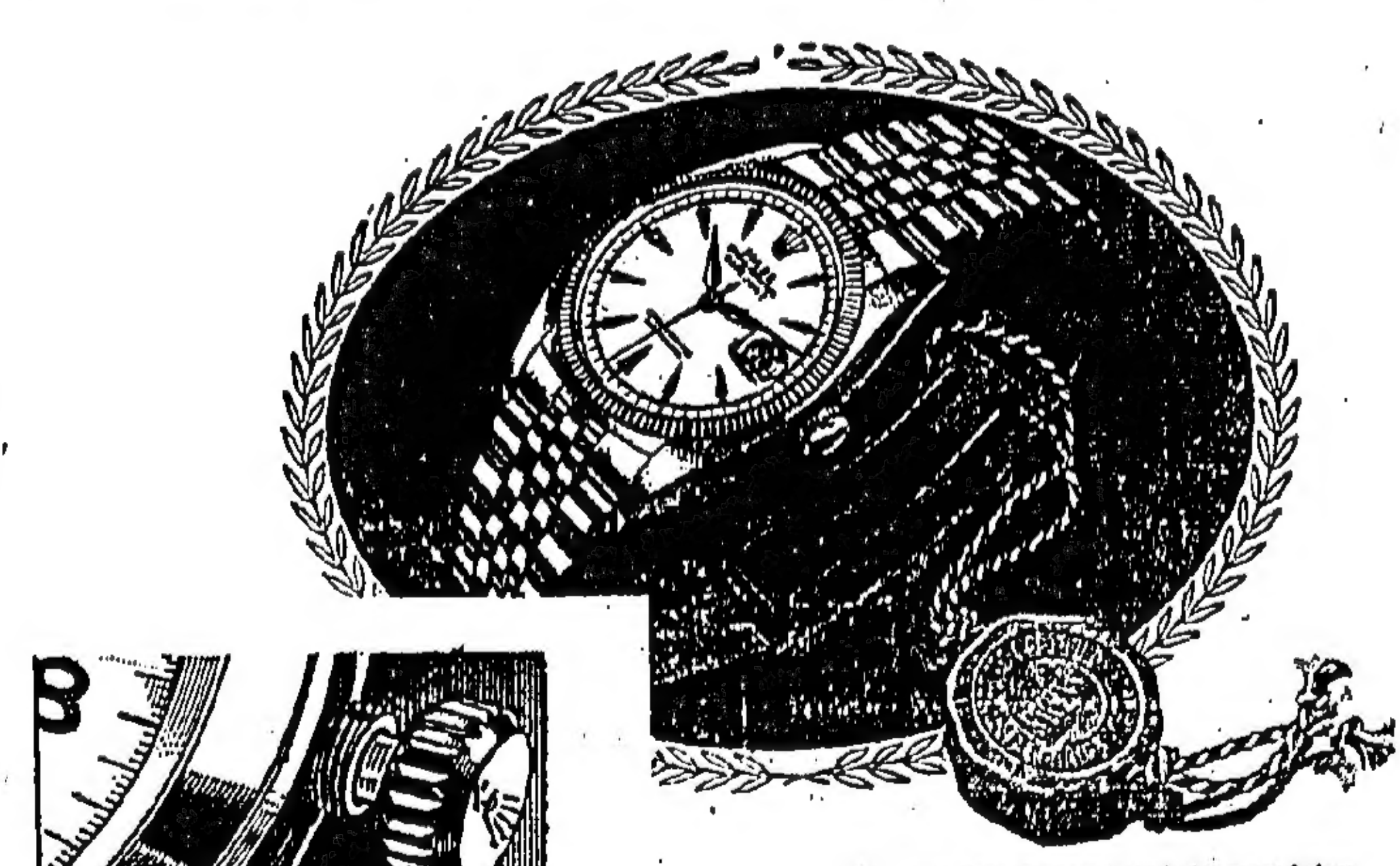
His father and grandmother, Mr Vernon Presley and Mrs Mamie Presley, flew to Germany a few days after Private Presley reported for duty with a tank unit.

Now they have found a hotel where Mrs Presley can cook her grandson's favourite dishes, Mr Presley told a reporter.

The army allows soldiers with relatives in the area to spend the night with them. Each morning the Presleys take a taxi to the barracks gate in Friedberg. "They are very nice people," the taxi-driver commented.

But things will change soon when Private Presley is due for unit manoeuvres at the Grafenwoehr training ground near Nuremberg. — People Special.

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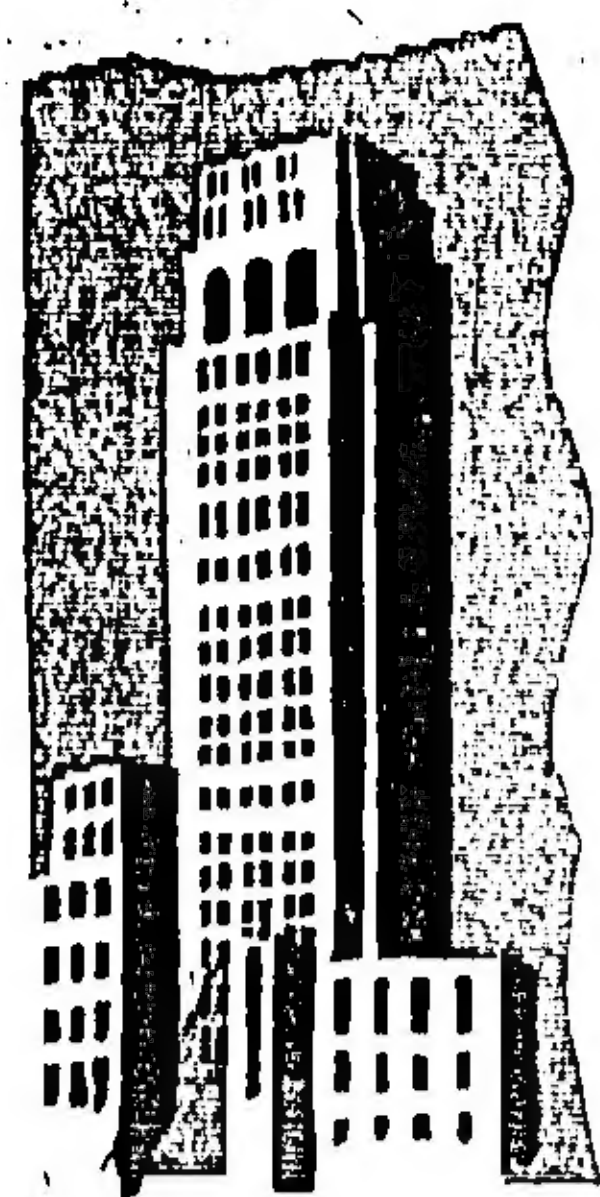
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# The people you meet!

MOVING AROUND THIS VIVID CITY I'VE HAD QUITE A WEEK AMONG A STIMULATING SET OF PERSONALITIES...

Patricia Lewis in NEW YORK



WITH the rushing up-town, the dashing down-town, and the careering cross-town, New York sometimes gives the impression of a dog chasing its tail. Other times it looks like a vast open-air garage and most times it sounds like a many-towered babel.

But among these rackety crowded things it offers moments of heart-stopping beauty... When the huge block of steel are flushed with the setting sun though it is already night in the chasms below... When the lights of a thousand tall apartment houses shimmer like sequinned Christmas trees across the slow-folding river... When the grey squirrels, begging for food, and the red-jerseyed skaters falling across the ice-rink herald winter in Central Park.

All the time in the rush and the splendour and the thrill there moves a unique breed of human called the New Yorker.

This past week I have encountered quite a few...

There was the star, Harry Belafonte, whom I found in his office hanging the three golden stars, a decorated man on television's Steve Allen Show.

## With pep

Maybe I should tell you more about this office, he said with a slow smile. "The portrait there is of Mathewilda Dadds. Those little brass figures are African primitives I found in Sweden. That wood carving comes from Haiti, and the paper you see framed over my desk is one of 12 documents of desegregation issued in 1957."

"About segregation," I ventured. "I believe you had trouble getting an apartment on the East Side."

In an instant the relaxed lines of his incredibly handsome face hardened into bitterness.

"It's true," he said. "This is a most liberal city. They don't mind you in restaurants and you can even buy a house in some areas. But no matter who you are, if you're coloured and trying to get in on the East Side,

you get a first-class running around from the landlord. "But I've not finished. I expect to be subpoenaed to testify at a trial in his tribunal soon."

The meaningful title of Mr. Belafonte's next film—his first as an independent producer—is "Odds Against Tomorrow."

There was the costume jeweller, Gerald Rosenberger, president and chairman of Coro, the largest firm of its kind in the world.

"Yeah! We are pretty big," said Mr. Rosenberger. "Did a 28,000,000-dollar turn-over last year. Our success really began when we stopped making imitation jewellery. Once it was frankly fake with no kidding or pretence we were well away."

## With fortune

"Yeah! We sell in England and our business has tripled there the past couple years, but even three times not much a still very little."

Just then eight burly gentlemen shouldered their way into the room and Mr. Rosenberger

excused himself with: "These are the promotion boys. We're going strong on a new line called Kabuki colours for spring—pears and things in colours like sakada pink, shrine purple, temple beige, and buddha green."

Light on the ball is Mr. R. Here they are all Jap-happy.

There was the millionaire—reputedly 200 times over—ex-ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy. When we dined Mr. Kennedy was in high spirits, having just flown in from his Boston home where his son Jack had won a sensational re-election victory in Massachusetts.

Grey haired, smiling, and intensely interested in everyone around him, Mr. Kennedy is well known and well loved in New York.

As he ordered a bottle of the rare wines specially reserved for him in the cellars of the Pavillon, this expensive city's most expensive restaurant—he talked about the mode in millionaires here.

## With ideas

"Until 10 years ago there were fewer than 50 people in America with an income of a million a year," he said. "Now there are so many you don't really start reckoning them until they have 10 million—and there are very few of those."

"You see, I never regard securities as an indication of wealth unless a man actually owns them."

When we parted Mr. Kennedy mentioned that his son, the 41-year-old senator, would be appearing on television the next night. I looked in and recognised where the younger Kennedy planned the brains and charm that may well win him the presidency in 1960.

There was the producer, Michael Todd Jun., who from

the back has exactly the same dynamic head as his father but whose soft eyes and gentle mouth, when he turns around, taken a quite different personality. We met in the office used by the late Mike Todd.

Five Oscars stood on the shelf behind the king-size walnut desk, and the walls were papered with awards for "Around the World in 80 Days."

"I've shelved doing 'Don Quixote' for a while though dad was three-quarters through all the preparations," he said. "It's as big a project as any you can imagine. Yes, quite as big as 'Around the World'."

"I'm going to wait and see how the first couple of things I do come out. If they're successful then I might have a go."

The "couple of things" involve a new process called Smell-O-Vision—"with an exclamation mark," prompted Todd Jun.

"It was originally called Smell-O-Vision, but we thought we might as well call a spade a spade. It is a Swiss invention with odours piped to each individual seat and dad was the first person they sprang it on."

"He offered them 100,000 dollars but they wanted a million. Dad said: 'You must have been reading my Press releases! I'm not coming up with a million.'"

Young Mr. Todd's first felled features will be a cartoon starring a bloodhound and a thriller called "Scout of Mystery," where all the clues are odours.

As Todd Jun. knocked out his briar to say goodbye he added: "Incidentally, the villain of the piece is a pipe-smoker."

## With success

There was the ad-man, David Ogilvie, of England, who 10 years ago began the 3,468th advertising agency in New York and, through a series of masterful campaigns—notably the man with the eye-patch—stayed to lead the Americans at their own game.

Second only to the success it has brought him, New York enchants Mr. Ogilvie with its women.

"They are really extraordinarily beautiful," mused this red-haired, spectacled genius with the preoccupied air. "Models... secretaries... all

lovely corn-fed girls from Iowa come to seek riches and renown in the big city.

"Midday on Fifth Avenue produces such a stunning parade we often stop work to go and look at the 'mice.' There's only one place where the girls are as pretty as that's Dingle in Ireland."

## With nostalgia

There was the publisher, petite, blonde Jeanette Gilbert of Kentucky, New York, and, until four months ago, of London's Savoy Hotel.

"This is it," she said, showing me round the blue-mood apartment on Lexington Avenue that has replaced a mews cottage as her home. "But my! How I miss London!"

"This is a place of sharp edges and push-button living. I never see the milkman or the postman here. In London one seems to have so much contact with human beings." (New York, of course, is inhabited by Murdins.)

"Men? Well, I never went much for Englishmen, but here they're just a lot of hot, sweaty puppets."

So full of nostalgia for London and its once-maligned gentlemen is Miss Gilbert that she is writing a book to be called "Mayfair Hillbilly" and flying back just to make sure of what she has been missing.

## With drive

There was the dress manufacturer, Andrew Arkin, who runs the biggest "better-dress" business in the States.

"We make 400,000 dresses a year," I was told by this youthful, grey-haired man in his cluttered office above Seventh Avenue—the marrow of New York's garment centre, the city's leading industry.

"Our whole idea is to put the fun back into fashion," he broke off as the telephone rang. "Don't buy an inch," he yelled, and slapped the receiver down.

"Now what were we saying? Ah, Paris! Well, we owe a great debt to Paris. We call it our research laboratory. We use its feelings and findings to sell thousands of new styles. But we don't use Paris straight. Direct copies don't sell."

"We are working faster than ever before. We have to show

the buyers something new every two or three months. Today's fad may be tomorrow's failure."

A man entered carrying a printed sheer shirt-waister. "Fine, Joe. It's beautiful. But check the waistline. It seems to be drifting."

To me: "You see, dresses are like bananas—if you leave them exposed too long they'll rot." I left before the rot set in.

There was the milliner, Mrs. Janet Sloane, whose nonsense hats carry the apt label "Mad-caps."

Sitting in her showroom surrounded by hundreds of felt and straw and flower hats, I asked Mrs. Sloane how she was coping with the present hatless trend in America.

"There are always women who just won't wear a hat," she said. "But I think people are wearing things on their heads much more than five years ago."

"A good deal of our business is done in what I call whimsies—bits of bows, veiling, bandeaus, and blossom that retail from around one pound."

"I am expecting to do big things shortly with some little top-knots inspired by the head-dresses worn by Ava Gardner in 'The Naked Maja' film."

"But looking into the future I predict that the tiny pill-box will come roaring back into fashion. Women are tired of hatty hats."

## With hope

There was the singer, sophisticated Carole Bruce, who was lauded by London audiences for her playing of the society dame with a roving eye in the stage production of "Pal Joey."

She lives in Greenwich Village, in a large, pink and green apartment overlooking Washington Square, with her 11-year-old daughter, Julie.

"Things have happened since I saw you in London," she said, pouring whiskey martinis. "I separated from my husband two years ago. He's in California now."

"It was such an upheaval that I didn't want to go into a long-run show. Julie was so

upset. I don't know how those Hollywood people get married and divorced and married and divorced with two or three children around."

"I stayed at home so she shouldn't be alone and now it's five years since I've been on Broadway."

"What I'd really like to do, of course, would be a show in London—and this time I'd take Julie with me. The tempo is just that much slower there. I love privacy and quiet, and here I get like a high-class neurotic."

"Funny thing, I saw Jack Hilton in Sardis the other day, and I told him how much I would like to do 'Lady in the Dark' in London."

"He just looked at me non-committally, but last time I saw him in Sardis I wound up doing 'Pal Joey,' so you never know."

That's the thing about New York—and its citizens—you never know.

With all its stars and bars, its jazz and bezzazz, its delightful taxi-drivers who turn off the meter to show you round their city and its frightful barkeepers who charge you 13s. for a small glass of wine, it's a wonderful place where anything can happen—the way I feel it has all happened to me.

## ROUND-UP

### ROUND FAR EAST

A SURREY woman artist who went out to Bombay for a vegetarian congress 12 months ago has been painting her way round South-east Asia ever since. She is Miss Elva Blacker, of Sutton, Surrey, who specialises in portraiture and painting dogs. She has found no shortage of sitters and has just held an exhibition in Singapore of her work "on location." This month the British Arts Council is sponsoring a further exhibition of her paintings, at Kuala Lumpur. Two years ago Miss Blacker made a similar painting tour in the United States and Canada.

### NAUTICAL COLLEGE

A SITE is to be acquired by the London County Council for the creation of Nautical College. It will incorporate King Edward VII Nautical College, Stepney, in the east-end of London and the navigation department of Sir John Cass College in the City of London. A sub-committee report of the Council's Education Committee announcing this says an advisory committee is proposed for advising on the general preparations for the new college, to consider preliminary plans and questions of staffing and hostel accommodation.

### "BOW AND ARROW H.Q."

FORMER Fleet Air Arm base may become the Navy's "bow and arrow" headquarters. The base—once HMS Siskin—is now HMS Sultan where ratings are trained in engineering and mechanics. The base has one of the finest indoor ranges in the country. It is in a hangar. The range was started by Instructor Lieutenant-Commander B. S. Wilson, Captain J. D. Farrow, the Commanding Officer, believes that the Sultan may become the home of naval archery.

### RECRUITING DRIVE

A FULL-SCALE recruiting drive is to be started in the two counties next year when the Royal Berkshire Regiment amalgamates with the Wiltshire Regiment to form the Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment.

### SHARE BARRACKS

SEVENTY years the home of the Green Howards, Richmond Barracks, Yorkshire, is now taking under its roof soldiers from another regiment who, side by side with Green Howards recruits, will carry out their initial training on the famous barracks square. Forty-five newly joined National Service men of the York and Lancaster Regiment have arrived in Richmond on ten weeks' basic training at the barracks. This follows the recent formation of the Yorkshire Brigade. From now on, until accommodation is available at the Brigade headquarters at Strensall, near York, all recruits in the Green Howards and the York and Lancasters will go to Richmond Depot.



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## And so we say 'Farewell'... by GILES

WELL, I could go on writing for ever about our journey through Gougane Barra and Glengarriff to Kenmare and Killarney and about all the things that happened.

Like the day when we got to Tralee and there was a horse sale in the street and Uncle George told Auntie Vera to wait on the corner for a minute while he went for an hour with Mr. Giles to find the Rose of Tralee.

They didn't find it but they found a lot of other pots and when they came back someone had sold Auntie Vera a horse. It took them all day to find some-

one to buy it back at a quarter of what Auntie Vera gave for it.

At another market on the way to Limerick Grandma

Grandma paid him the money and he wished her top of the mornin' and when he had gone she found it was her own umbrella that he had sold her.

Grandma's gift of the Blarney which she got for kissing the Blarney Stone came in handy that time. Whenever we go to market they all pour out of the car like a lot of guinea-pigs except one, and always at least one of them gets caught.

It was Mr. G's turn in Athlone, Co. Westmeath. He bought a little greyhound from a man and next morning when he woke up in Galway, Co. Galway, he couldn't find it. If I was a betting man I'd lay 100-1 that little greyhound was nicely tucked up in his little bed in Athlone, Co. Westmeath.

While we were staying in Galway we motored to a beautiful place in the mountains called Kylemore where we had dinner at Kylemore Abbey which is run as a guesthouse by the Benedictine nuns.

The nuns serve you at the table and look after you and very nice ladies they are.

And that's where me and Emie and the twins went wrong. We were so good and so quiet during dinner that Mr. Giles wanted to know afterwards why we are not always as quiet on that and why

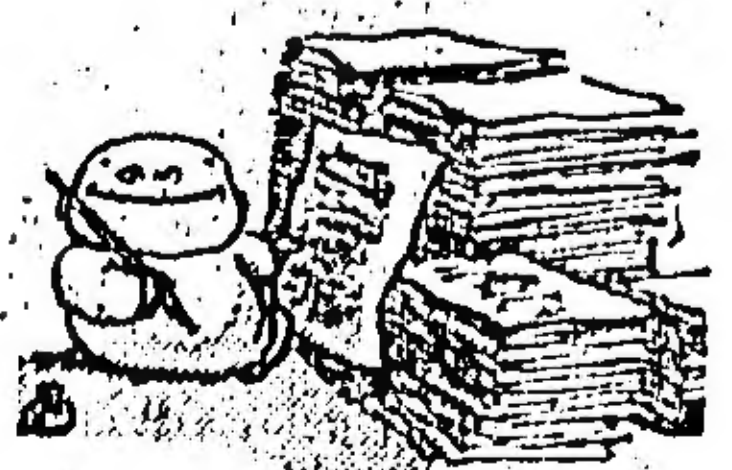
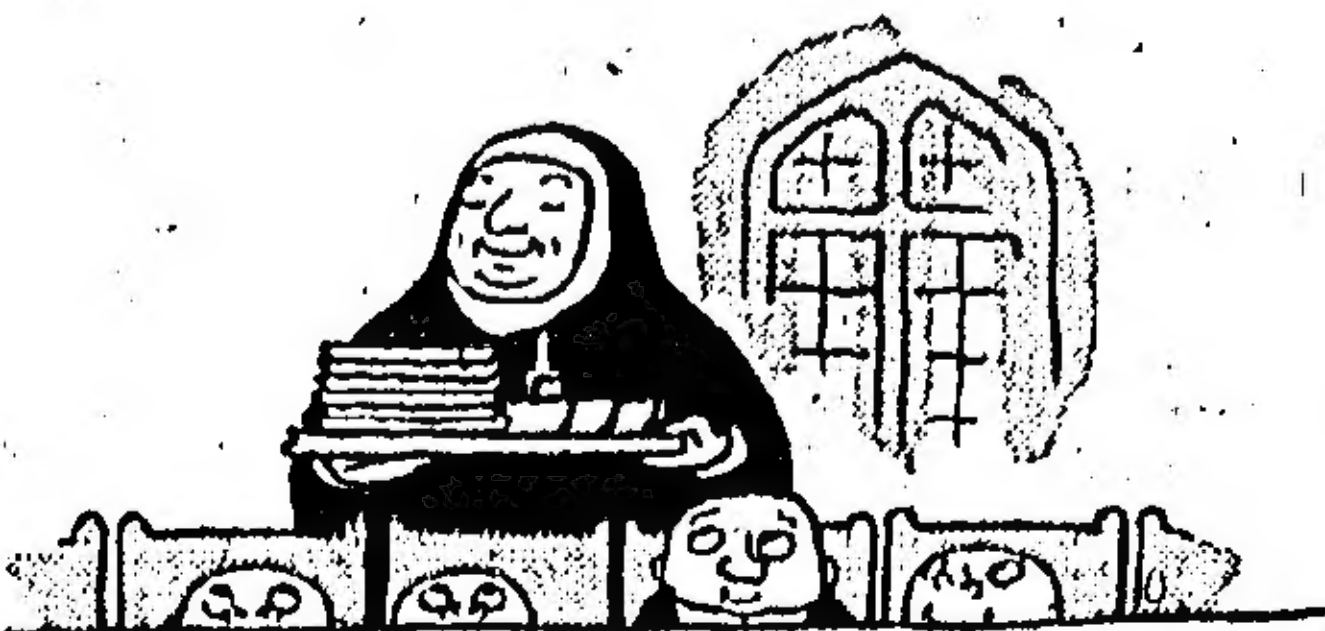
meal times at home sound like a blacksmith's shop. That's the trouble with grown-ups—they expect you to behave yourself always.

Well, we left Galway for Dublin which was where we came in and sailed home in a nice boat which had another place on it, and everybody is talking about coming back again very soon, which proves they all had a good time.

Mr. Giles is a bit miserable because he enjoyed himself so much that he likes every quiet dinner that Mr. Giles wanted to know afterwards why we are not always as quiet on that and why

You can see all that Irish coffee has done him good by the lovely colour of his nose. Now, that's all for now. Yours truly, GILES JUNIOR

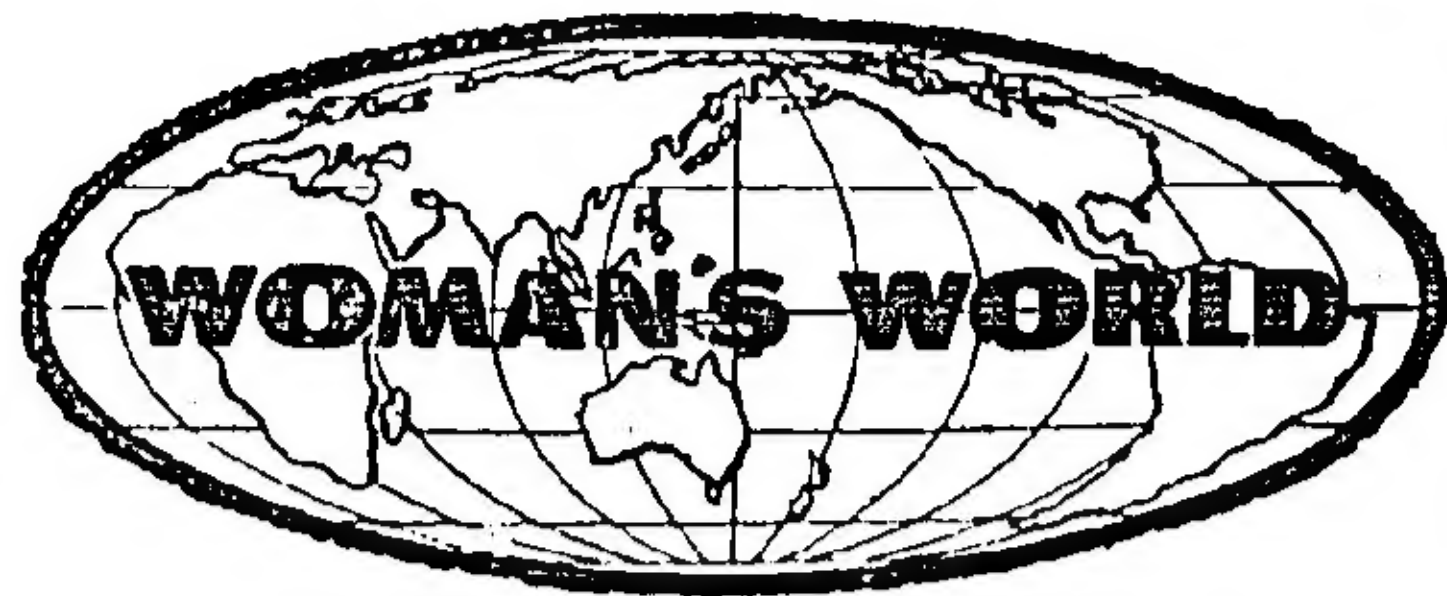
P.S.—If they do go back to Ireland I'll bet 200-1 Mr. Giles never finds that little greyhound.





# WOMANSENSE

## A WHACK IS OFTEN THE SOLUTION



### HER COOKING WAS FAMOUS

Madrid, When King Alfonso was near death in Rome in 1941, a nurse offered him some gelatine, saying: "Please take it as it is very nourishing." The monarch answered: "Some of Nicola's chops would nourish me much more."

Senora Nicola was a great authority on Basque cooking and her cookery-book entitled "La Cocina de Nicola" has sold 200,000 copies, China Mail Special.

### JACOBY on BRIDGE

WHEN your partner leads a king against a suit contract and you hold a doubleton, your normal correct play is the higher card.

This asks your partner to continue the suit and gives you a chance to trump the third lead.

Take all rules, there are plenty of exceptions. Sometimes you may have sure trump tricks which you do not want to give up. In other instances you may expect that declarer will be able to overruff you.

In the recent Shreveport tournament, Ed Theus of Oklahoma City had a third reason for not asking his partner to come on. Ed wanted to pick up tricks in another suit first.

NORTH		15
♥10943	♦K2	
♥73	♠A9554	
WEST		
♥72	♦Q8	
♥J854	♦A863	
♥AKJ9	♠82	
♥J82	♠Q73	
SOUTH (D)		
♥AKJ65		
♥107		
♥Q1054		
♥K10		
East and West vulnerable		
South	West	North
Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♦K		

### HEARD SOME

Q—The bidding has been:  
West North East South  
1♠ Double 1♥ 2♥  
Pass 2NT Pass 2♥  
You, South, hold:  
♠AK876 ♥97 ♦AQ5 ♠54  
What do you do?

A—Bid three spades. You have already forced to game and now you should show your good spade suit.

TODAY'S QUESTION

Your partner bids three no-trump. What do you do now?

Answer Tomorrow

### YOUR BIRTHDAY By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

BORN today you are a strong-minded individual whose push and pull are beyond average. You are more competitive than most people, the harder you try to get your way, the more you will probably live longer.

Among those born on this date are: William C. Cuyper, author and poet; George Cary Eggleston, author; Anne Nichols, playwright and author of "Abbie's Irish Rose"; Peter Force, editor and historian; Emily Williams, actor and play-wright.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

YOUR love of justice is a basic characteristic and you will make no concession to expediency. Although you will do a great deal of good in the world, it might be accepted with more pleasure if you were to be a little more spontaneous in your attitude toward life. You have strong emotions, but are disciplined and you get it done!

THURSDAY, NOV. 27

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Take a sharp look at all the small print in any real estate contract you make.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Partnership matters, be they business or marriage, could develop complications.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—No matter how important a decision appears to be, postpone a final decision until later.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Things may not be exactly as represented, so investigate any new opportunity carefully.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Your marriage partner may prove unreasonable today, so postpone discussion for now.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 21)—If you do any kind of manual labour, be careful to avoid accidents to your hands or feet.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—The road to true love may not seem as smooth as you had hoped. Be patient and loyal.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—It may be difficult to take an optimistic attitude toward life when being criticized, but you can try.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Count ten—and then another ten—if tempted to answer your mate in anger.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Being patient and going at least halfway in a domestic difficulty will smooth things out.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Better to do a job yourself, than to select the wrong person to help you do it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—Take your time in making up your mind in a matter which could influence your entire future.

### SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"It's a treasure hunt, Miss Lucy. We've found the prize and the double-six domino, but now we need an old-fashioned swimsuit, so we thought of you!"

WHILE Mrs. Myers and I were in Bergen, Norway, last summer, we visited in a home where the aged grandmother had been a great admirer of the music of Edvard Grieg, the great composer, whose house still stands near hers. She played some of his compositions.

### Graciously Received

As we arrived with the grandparents, we were greeted by

their three grandsons, about 12, 9 and 2, and the children's parents, and were received in a most gracious manner.

After awhile the baby was carried off to bed in his mother's arms. He went happily and the mother soon returned to the group for the remainder of the evening.

It was still early, so the other boys stayed up a little longer and went outdoors with the group of ten guests, parents and grandparents to look at the large fjord through which ships from all over the world enter Bergen. These boys mingled and talked freely among us in a most natural and delightful way.

By Garry Cleveland Myers, Ph.D.

Before long, they also disappeared, presumably to bed, but they didn't first stop in the kitchen for more things to eat.

### No Special Services

These children, including the baby, made no bid for attention. There was no running to par-

ents or grandparents for special services, nor was there need to admonish them. Companionable relations existed between the children and adult family members all during the visit.

Normally, that would be a hard situation for any child, but their behaviour was a sample of the usual graciousness in the average Bergen family.

I kept asking myself, in how many homes this could

happen. But as I pointed out in an earlier column, Norwegian children seem to accept certain inevitabilities unemotionally, as the normal way of living.

### Cry and Fuss

You and I have been in a few homes like this. But far more often, in a similar family group, the youngest

might cry and fuss and insist on staying up longer and the other boys might vie with each other for the attention of the guests. Such ways often are trying to the parents and embarrassing to guests.

I asked the father if he and other Norwegian parents even used the hand on their children to discipline them.

"Oh, yes," he replied. "A whack is used when needed, but it's seldom needed."

### Hearty Meals Within The Food Budget

WITH crisp autumn days, come bigger appetites and hearty meals become the order of the day. So here are some new ways to keep the family well fed without straining the food budget.

#### THRIFTY DISH

One such dish is Pepper Pot Stew.

To serve 5 to 6, cut 1½ lbs. lean stew beef into 1-in. cubes. Brown on all sides in 2 tsp. hot shortening or beef suet in a Dutch oven or heavy saucepan.

Add 3 c. beef broth or bouillon and tsp. salt. Cover and cook 1½ hrs. or until meat is tender.

Add 1 c. sliced green pepper, ½ c. sliced celery, ½ to ¾ c. sliced fresh carrots, ½ c. diced raw potatoes, ½ c. instant minced onion, ½ tsp. black pepper and 1 tsp. dried parsley flakes. Cook until vegetables are tender—about 35 min.

#### NEW BURGERS

Burger Porcupines make a well-spiced dish.

To serve 6, combine 1½ lbs. ground lean beef, 3 tsp. instant minced onion, 2 tsp. dried parsley flakes, 1/3 c. uncooked rice,

¼ c. fine dry bread crumbs, 2 lightly beaten eggs, ½ tsp. black pepper, ½ tsp. thyme and ¼ c. water.

Shape into 6 balls. Place in baking pan.

Combine 10½ oz. can condensed tomato soup and ½ c. hot water and pour over meat balls.

Bake, uncovered, at 350°, 35 min. Cover and continue baking 30 min. longer or until meat is done.

Serve hot with the tomato soup sauce.

#### FOR MEATLESS MEALS

Another hearty dish, Salmon Stuffed Green Peppers with Tomato Sauce, is especially good for meatless meals.

To serve 6, wash 6 medium green peppers, cut off tops and scoop out seeds.

Parboil, covered, in 1-in. boiling water to which ½ tsp. salt has been added, for ½ min.

Invert on pan to drain. Flake 1 lb. can salmon and combine with 2 c. soft bread crumbs, ½ tsp. salt, ¼ tsp. black pepper and ½ tsp. thyme.

Melt 2 tbsp. butter, taken from 3 tbsp. and add.

Fill peppers with mixture. Dot each with some of the remaining butter. Place in an 8- or 9-in. square baking pan. Pour ½ in. boiling water in pan around peppers.

Bake at 350°, 40 min. or until done.

Serve hot with sauce.

—ALICE DENHOFF

## By Veronica Papworth BAZAARS — and all that

"WHAT'S all that humming on the front door, Nannie? Two little girls collecting for what?"

"Save the Horses? Well, you know how I feel about horses ever since one rolled on me."

"Let them... No, of course I don't mean to just give them a couple of bob. They want what? Oh no... not JUMBLE again."

"Well, let's turn out that drawer full of baby clothes and sorry, Nannie dear, I'm only teasing. But I've told you before that there's not the slightest point in keeping them. Yes, I know we never know and I do remember what happened to Mrs. Lovegrove as soon as she sold her pram, but... all right, all right."

"The little girls suggest what? Old furs? Tell them I wear my old furs. Oh, furniture. What happened to the music stool with the woodworm? Yes, Nannie, I do know it sprouts, but we can't shoulder other

people's problems. Whoever

helped to start the bonfire? Then whatever can we give?"

"I know...there's a great big brass fender at the back of the wood shed. It's just the thing. I can't think where it came from."

"I bought it." So I did—at a jumble sale.

"Nannie, ask the little girls when this one is. The W.I. are collecting for theirs again next month and we haven't a bit of jumble in the house."

"Either you love his work or you loathe it," said Antonia Khoroch, who works at the Redfern Galleries, as we stood together in their main salon and contemplated her portrait by Bryan Kneale.

I asked for her reactions. "I'm getting very fond of it," she told me—"but I was slightly

stunned when I first saw it."

I am not surprised. Mr. Kneale may well become Britain's answer to that fantastically French painter, Bernard Buffet.

His women have the same s.d. haunted look. Gladly enough his paintings of men are remarkably gay.

There is a Norman Parkinson—witty, and slightly wicked-looking, moustaches all a-bristle—painted against a scarlet curtain.

Mr. John Heathcoat Amory is more subdued, but I noted a high-lit twinkle in his eye.

A Kneale woman.

Amory is more subdued, but I noted a high-lit twinkle in his eye.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

### Merlin's Magic Market

—It Was Around That Corner Rather Than This One—

By MAX TRELL

"NOW when I go shopping, I like to buy everything absolutely fresh!"

Knart and Hanid, the Shadows with the Turned-About Names, were listening to Mr. Merlin, the Magnificent Magician. They had met him coming out of his house with a shopping basket over his arm.

#### Shopping List

"For instance," Mr. Merlin went on, "this morning, and here he paused to take out a shopping list. "I have to buy a dozen eggs, a quart of milk, a pound of sugar, six bananas and a pound of salt. Oh, yes, and a pound of butter, too."

"You can get all those things in the market around the corner," said Hanid.

"Yes," he replied. "It's right around the corner. Why don't you two come with me? You can help me carry some of my groceries."

A few minutes later, Knart and Hanid were walking beside Mr. Merlin. They marched down the street singing the following song:

"Where do you go to buy fresh eggs? Just shut your eyes and follow your legs." By this time they reached the corner.

"The store's around this way," said Knart.

"Oh, no," replied Mr. Merlin. "The store I go to is around that way! Come along with me."

Knart and Hanid followed Mr. Merlin. They were both quite sure he was going the wrong way. There weren't any stores, no market either, in the direction in which he was going.

"Come along! Come along!" he kept saying.

All at once, they heard Mr. Merlin saying: "There it is."

#### Beautiful Store

Sure enough, there was a beautiful store. On the window were the words: Magic Market.

Mr. Merlin walked right in and Knart and Hanid followed him.

Never had Knart and Hanid seen a stranger store. In the egg department, a dozen hens were sitting on the shelves laying eggs.

In the dairy department, a herd of cows were waiting to give fresh milk.

A farmer was churning butter. In the back of the store, sugar cane was growing. Men were chopping it down, grinding it up, squeezing out the juice and making sugar.

On the other side of the store, men were chopping up blocks of salt out of a salt mine.



Merlin and the Shadows watched the farmer churn butter.

Other men were smashing the blocks of salt into tiny grains. On still another side of the store, banana trees were growing.

Knart and Hanid noticed pear trees and apple trees and orange trees and pineapple trees. They noticed tea plants and coffee trees and a field of wheat and barley and oats.

#### Filled His Bag

"Yes-sir-ee," said Mr. Merlin, as he walked around filling his shopping bag with fresh eggs from the hens, fresh milk from the cows, fresh salt and sugar and bananas. "This is the best market in the world!"

Knart and Hanid helped Mr. Merlin carry some of the things back. When they went around the next day to buy some fresh sweet potatoes and flour, they couldn't find the wonderful market at all.

"It's just as I thought," Hanid said to Knart. "It's only a market for Magicians like Mr. Merlin! Let's go to our regular market."

So they went around this corner instead of that corner.

### Rupert and the Carved Stick—22



Rupert keeps on pulling and twisting the carved stick. All at once something seems to give way. "Oh! Have you broken it?" gasps Rupert. "No, I believe it's unbreaking!" mutters Rupert. Next instant he holds up a small object. "See, it's the end section of the stick," he whispers. "It has the one word 'OAK' carved on it. The last word of that queer sentence. I wonder if the gentleman knows that it unbreaks. And did you notice that the stick is divided into sections? Shall we try un- unbreaking the others?"

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## Softball's Short-Stop Queen Leaves For UK

By "TIME-OUT"

The departure of the m.v. "Victoria" tomorrow with May Pau as one of the passengers, will be received with mixed feelings in local softball circles. On the one hand numerous batters who have failed to beat May's bullet pegg to first will rejoice at her absence while on the other her teammates of South China will have a difficult time finding a reliable substitute to guard the long stretch between second and third bases.



MAY PAU

For May is one of the unsung heroines of the game. She is a steady, ever-smiling and unassuming lass who, strangely enough, has yet to make the headlines in three seasons of league competition since she took up the game. Despite this it would be safe to say that she is one of the best players in the game. Her batting average is .300 and she has yet to produce a finer defensive lady softballer than May Pau.

Her destination is the Royal Gerkshire Hospital in Berkshire, U.K. where she will take a four-year course in nursing.

A graduate of the Sacred Heart School May got interested in softball as late as 1956 and since then she has little love or time for any other sport.

### Debut In 1956

With Nana Wan, coach W. K. Kan's encouragement May quickly learned all about the finer points of the game. She tried her hand at pitching at first but that didn't work out. So she boldly decided to try for one of the hardest defensive positions in softball, that of shortstop. To borrow a colleague's favourite expression, she "clicked". Endless hours of practice ensued and after longing out a few kinks in her batting stance May made her softball debut in September 1956.

Unfortunately she picked a bad time because that was the season when the ladies' league was nothing short of a farce. Only two teams, South China and the Overseas, participated.

May collected four hits in six official games at a batting average which, if I know my softball statistics will never be matched again.

### First Medal

May didn't feel too happy about winning the batting title so matter-of-factly since she was not given the opportunity to make any sort of impression despite gaining her first ever championship medal.

The selectors picked her for the shortstop position against the Taiwan Universal team a few months later but she does not recall this game. South China versus Taiwan, with any real pleasure because the girls made a shambles of the local defence, with May at shortstop of course, in a 15-2 massacre.

She had to wait until early 1957 to show the selectors that they had not picked the wrong girl for the shortstop position in Interport matches. Playing for All-Hongkong and also for the Combined Chinese later against the Taiwan Tiao Kong girls May gave a flawless exhibition in both games.

In the first match her powerful hitting drove in two runs and with May herself parked on second base, last inning, when the tying run it was somewhat

ironical that the visitors had to pull off a brilliant double play to end the game, May being one of the victims!

### Memorable Season

It was one of her most disappointing moments but she had her "revenge" a few days later. Behind her errorless fielding which drew rave notices from the Chinese language press he team, South China, won the 1957-58 season. To clinch a memorable playing season May gave a repeat performance of superb fielding to inspire South China to victory over the University in an end-of-season knockout match.

Throughout the entire 1957-58 playing season May Pau was the nemesis of batters who poked the ball in the direction of the windy alley. Possessor of one of the finest throwing arms in local softball with a cool head to boot (a rarity these days even amongst our Senior leaguers) May Pau was the perfect shortstop. It was not surprising that the fans thought so too because she lost out by only two first-place votes for 20 points in the balloting for the Most Valuable Player title won by Francis du Silva.

### Automatic Choice

She has two international medals. The first was won in 1956 the easy way, via the walkover route when Portugal failed to turn up for the final against China, the second when China took a best-of-three series against the Lusitanians the following year. She was the automatic choice for shortstop on both occasions in fact failed to make it three medals in a row when Portugal won the 1958 game.

She is of the opinion that the best pitcher she has ever faced was Lin Fong, Tsu of Taiwan. Although while in local competition Olive Yuen, formerly of the Athletics, commanded May's respect.

There was a catch in her throat when she told me she would miss playing softball and the many friends she has made through the game.

There is no doubt that the King's Park fraternity will sorely miss her too. Her absence from the softball scene leaves a void in our midst.

## Two Happy Irishmen Return To Ireland With The Canada Cup

Two happy Irishmen, golfers Harry Bradshaw and Christy O'Connor, left New York International Airport en route home tonight with the Canada Cup, won in Mexico.

"We are delighted to be bringing the Cup back to Ireland," said Bradshaw. He explained that the winners do not get the big Cup, but will get replicas of it after they have arrived in Ireland.

He said he and O'Connor would now abstain from tournament play until it resumes at Easter time with the British PGA championship.

### Back To Teaching

Both will go back to teaching and playing on their home courses. Bradshaw is pro at Port Marnock, Christy at Killinbeg.

Bradshaw summed up their formula for winning at Mexico City this way:

"We played well all through the tournament. We didn't miss many, and when one of us

missed a shot, we didn't say a word to each other. There is no sense in getting angry about it. I played very fine golf, but, unfortunately, Christy's putting wasn't up to standard at a few places along the way."

### Mosquito Bites

O'Connor said, "We played pretty good golf—I played steady and Harry played the good stuff."

Both men described the 7,216-yard Golf Club of Mexico course as "the best golf course we ever had played on."

Bradshaw said that his playing was not affected but that he was bothered by mosquito bites. He said he hoped he and O'Connor would be chosen by Ireland to defend the Cup in Australia next year.—U.P.I.

## Thai Ruggerites To Play 2 Games In Singapore

Singapore, Nov. 25. Royal Thai Air Force rugby team flew into Singapore tonight to play matches against a Malay-Singapore Royal Air Force side, and a Singapore Rugby Union President's XV.

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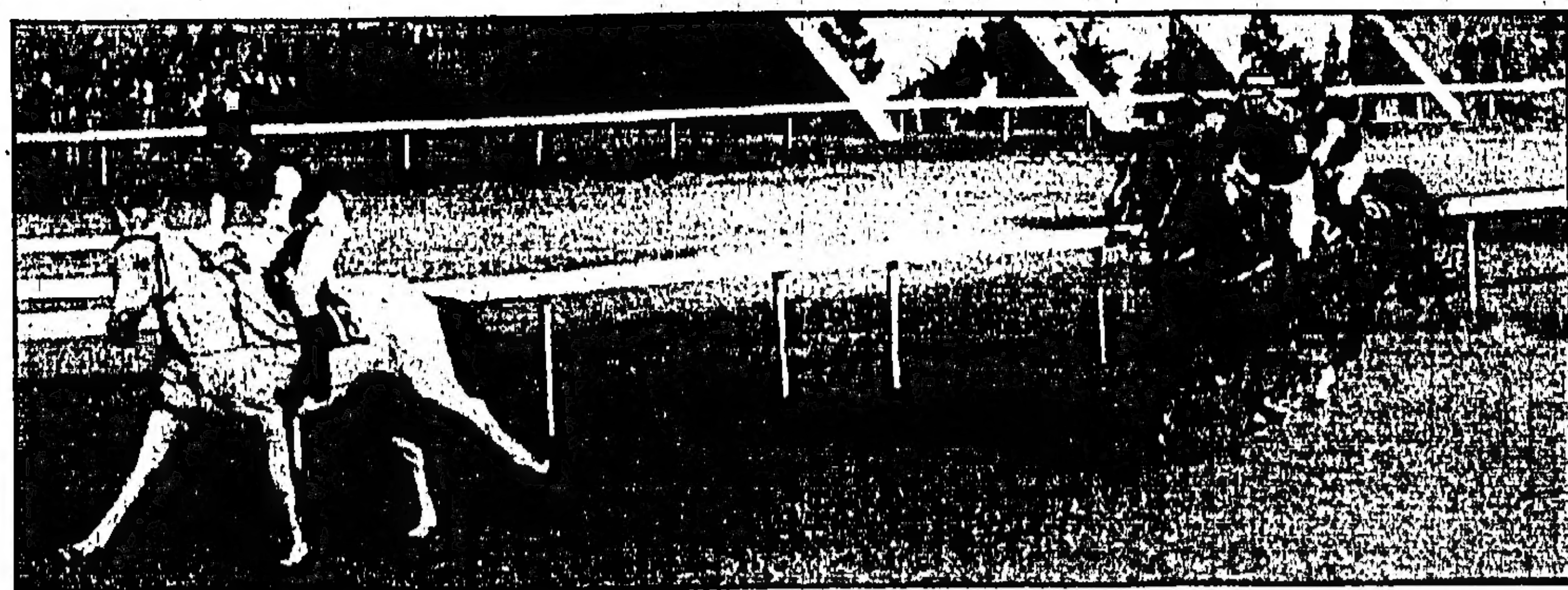




ABOVE: A recent photo of John Mortimore, the Gloucestershire off-spinner, who arrived in Sydney last Monday to reinforce the MCC team now touring Australia.—Central Press Photo.



## SPORTS PICTORIAL



ABOVE: Silver Dahlia (No. 13), ridden by Robert Tsai, in an easy win in Race No. 3 (Leopardstown Handicap) at the first day of the Fourth Race Meeting at Happy Valley last Saturday.

Second was Blondie (No. 2) and third Rebel II (partly hidden by No. 2). Silver Dahlia paid \$37.70 for a win and \$11.40 for a place.

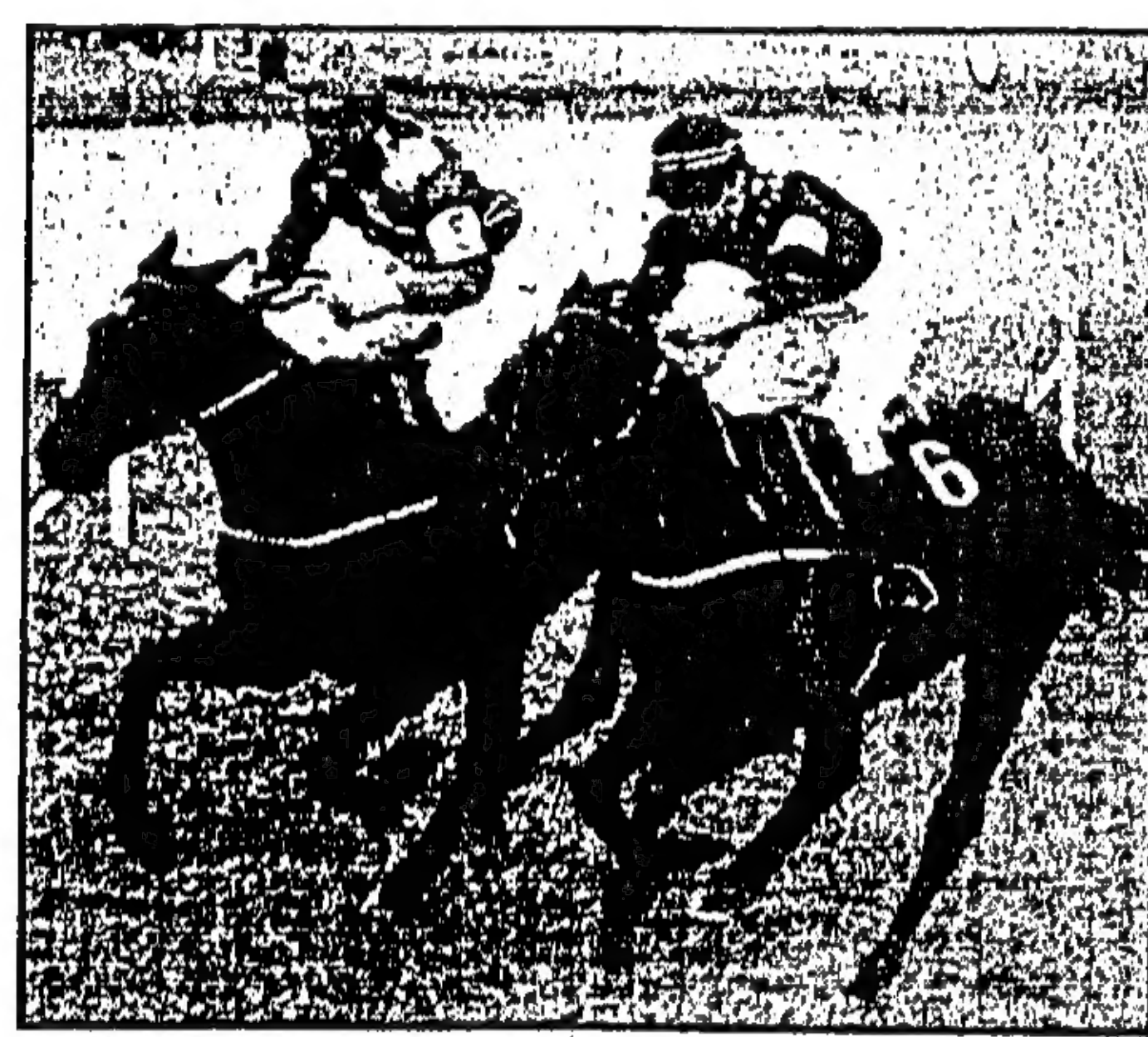
LEFT: Most Successful Jockey on the first day was P. Flumby who scored a "double" on Nobel Prize in the second race and on Curley in the sixth.

Photo shows him on Curley being led in by Mrs D. B. Evans after winning the Wamphray Handicap to pay \$39.60 for a win.

BELOW: The first photo-finish this season was provided last Saturday by Follow Me (left) and Mak Gaid, who are seen here fighting it out at the finish. Follow Me (Alex Lam) won by a short head.—China Mail photos.



LEFT: The Colony Hardcourt Men's Open Singles Championship was concluded last Sunday at the Chinese Recreation Club, with Ip Koon-hung (left) defeating K. C. Dao (right) by 5-7, 10-8, 6-2, 8-2, in the two hour 25 minute final.—China Mail Photo.



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ABOVE: An exciting melee in front of the KMB goalmouth in the first division soccer league match between Kowloon Motor Bus and South China last Sunday. Jumping for the ball are South China's centre-forward Lee Yuk-luk (No. 9) and KMB left-back Law Kwok-lung as goalkeeper Wai Fat-kim waits for it.

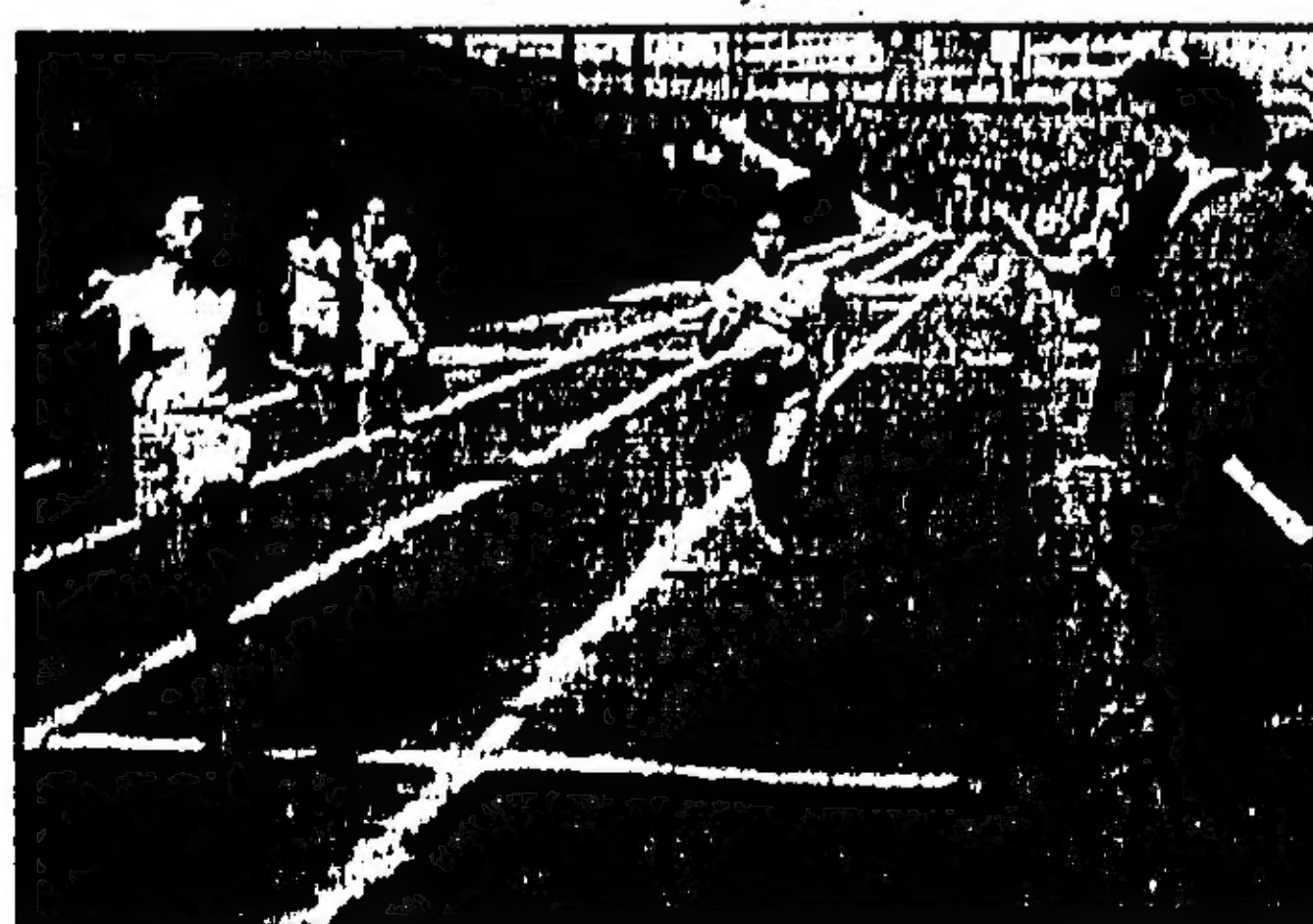
The match ended in a 1-1 draw.—China Mail photo.



The first Open athletic meeting of the season organised by the Hongkong Amateur Athletic Association was held last Sunday at the SCOA stadium, Caroline Hill. A total of 23 events was completed.

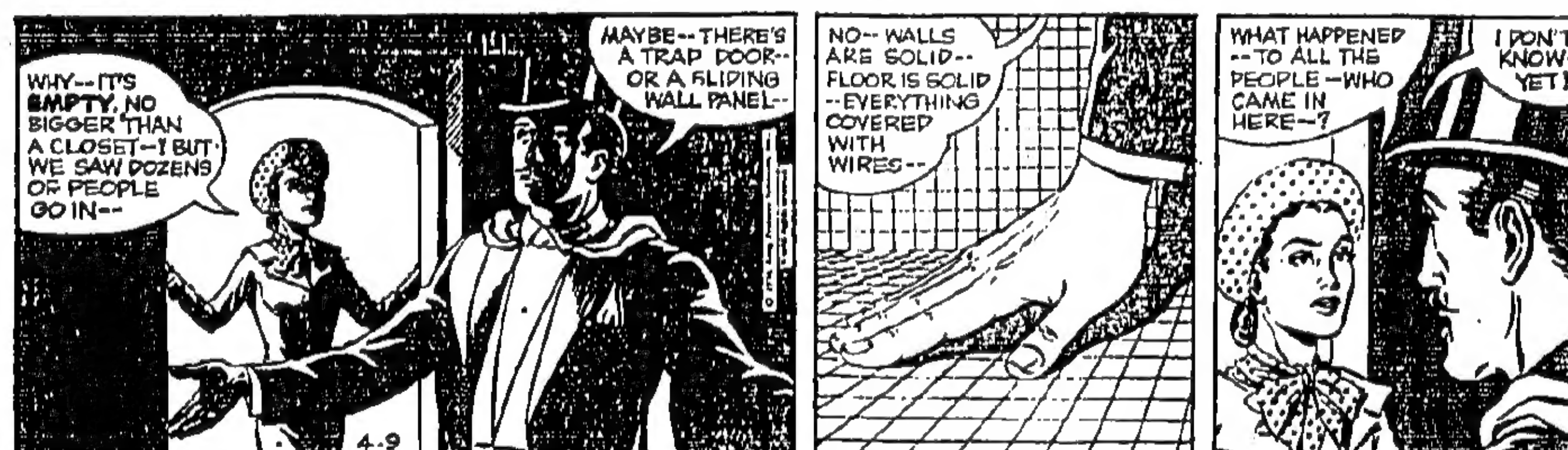
Top photo shows the finish of the men's 100 metres final, which was won by Tsui Ham-fat (No. 1) in 11.1 seconds.

On left, Miss Ng Shuei-kwan is seen winning the women's 100 metres final in 13.1 seconds.—China Mail photos.



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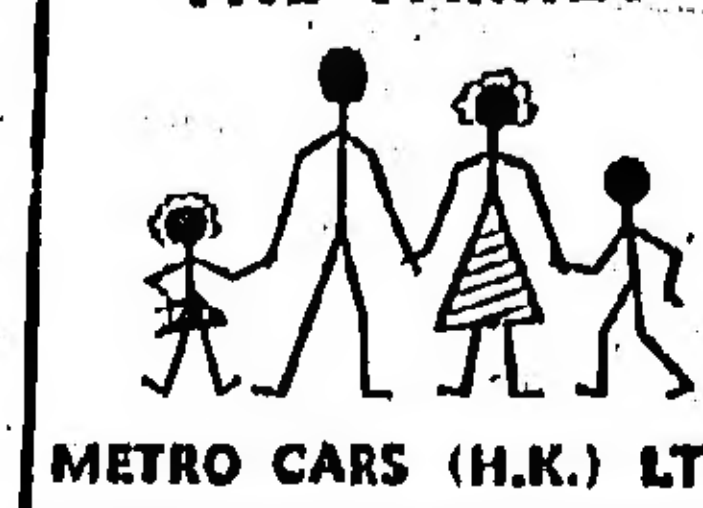


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Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown  
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at consignee's risk and subject to  
the Wharf's terms and conditions of  
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obtained.

Damaged packages are to be left  
in the godown for examination by  
consignee and the consignee's Sur-  
veyors, Messrs Wood & Brown at  
10 a.m. on Thursday 27th November,  
1958.

No claims will be admitted after  
the goods have left the godown and  
all claims remaining undischarged after  
the 27th November, 1958, will be  
subject to suit.

All claims against the vessel must  
be presented to the undersigned on  
or before the 20th December, 1958,  
or they may not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.  
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Hong Kong, 27th November, 1958.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

"AJAX"

Damaged cargo on this vessel will  
be surveyed by Messrs. Wood &  
Brown at H.K. Wharf from 10 a.m.  
on November 26 and 27, 1958, and  
consignees are requested to have  
their representatives present during  
the survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE  
Agents.  
Hong Kong, November 26, 1958.

# AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER by H. King Wood

## U.S., Japan Look To Australia To Invest

Sydney.

Whatever may be the political tales told during an election year there is not the slightest doubt that we are coaxing quite a lot of spending money from other parts of the world.

Official figures this week reveal that United States direct investment in Australia during 1957 totalled \$801 million. This was an increase of \$79 million over 1956 figures.

American firms spent in 1957 \$302 million in the manufacturing field, \$32 million in mining and smelting, \$32 million on trade, and \$30 million in other industries.

It is a pretty slack week if at least half a dozen American big-time briefs do not arrive in Sydney looking for some-where to off-load a few million dollars.

In addition, Japanese financiers are also casting their eyes around for the best way to establish a nest-egg in the country.

Members of a nine-man Japanese trade mission who have been looking around and they would carefully examine all fields of Australian industry for possible investment opportunities. The Japanese business mission is the first major Japanese trade mission group to visit Australia since the Australia-Japan Trade pact was signed in July last year.

Sydney has now followed a lead of New York and established an electric light "newspaper."

Located on a high building at Kings Cross, the electric light newspaper is a 30 feet long and 3 feet deep moving sign which spells out news items sent direct from a Sydney newspaper.

Called Luminews, the lights officially flashed on last Saturday night (election night) and it will give a continuous news service from 8 a.m. until midnight seven days a week. On Friday and Saturday nights Luminews will operate for an extra hour after midnight.

This sign follows the famous electric light newspaper in Times Square, New York, where thousands of people each hour watch the latest news flashed on lights that encircle the New York Times Building.

One morning last week, on the Sydney Harbour Bridge just about the time when the peak-hour traffic was beginning to warm up, a small car stalled in the middle of a laneway and refused to budge.

Two hefty policemen arrived, lifted it up, turned it around and pushed it across to the outside lane where the outgoing traffic was light.

This feat of strength prevented what could have been a major traffic jam.

In business and newspaper circles in this city there was talk of nothing else last week but the fact that the powerful Sydney Morning Herald group

proposes to take over the Sydney interest of Truth and Sportsman Limited.

It is about four years ago that the Sydney Morning Herald took Associated Newspapers—made up of the afternoon paper, The Sun, The Sunday Sun and a dozen or more minor publications and became one of the most powerful newspaper groups in Australia. Now, says something more solid than rumour, it wants to repeat that bit of history by taking over another evening and Sunday paper.

The bright and forceful Daily Mirror newspaper, has, without a doubt, been more than a thorn in the side to The Sun and it is feasible that the Herald Group wants to bring it under control.

In addition, Sunday "Truth" (which a few weeks ago was given a minor facial lift and rechristened "The Sunday Mirror") is also a stumbling block to the powerful 128-page Sunday Sun-Herald.

## Gold Mine

Overtures have long been made by various newspaper groups both here and overseas to Mr. Ezra Norton, Managing Director of Truth and Sportsman—who has the major controlling interest in the paper—to buy him out but always he has stuck to his own small gold mine.

However, times are changing and Mr Norton is no longer a young man. There is also no doubt that both he and the bank balance are beginning to feel the pressure. Inserted on his newspapers by the Telegraph and the Herald group.

Another skyscraper has been announced for Sydney's new golden mile area around Circular Quay. The newest pile of glass and tiles is to be erected between two existing new skyscrapers and will consist of office suites which will be available for sale to tenants.

Not less than a dozen major buildings have been erected in this area since the war and the value of them lies in the vicinity of £50 million.

## Probably for more than 50 years Australia has been talking about getting rid of its £ s. d. and introducing a decimal coinage system but until the last two years it has been mainly wishful thinking.

Recently, however, there has been more and more talk of a change-over and a bank official, Mr L. Holford, declared this week that the present Australian system had caused fantastic economic losses.

He said a change-over to decimal coinage would cost a colossal sum but it had to come and in time would pay off.

# • BY THE WAY •

## by Beachcomber

I HAVE a feeling that what is called abstract ballet could be improved by a lamp or two of abstract sculpture. It should not be beyond the genius of choreographers to devise a dance movement which would include the showing of the head through a hole in a bit of sculpture, as is done with cardboard animals on seaside piers. By kicking out backwards and turning the impressionist head, the ballerina could mime a restive horse—a relief from the eternal pas de Calais, the piliote, the rocade, the saut-de-loup, and all the other contortions which represent the inner conflict of a lady who has swallowed a hammer while dreaming in a forest glade.

**Narkover news**  
THE Governors of Narkover, I have before them a document which, they say, is a typical master's expenses claim, "aimless in its effort." It lists such items as card debts, hush-money, motoring to and from amusement, money paid out in bribes, losses from thefts, brandy for fainting fits, whiskey for chills, cut-of-pocket expenses, and so on. This document was procured, at a

handsome price, from a boy who had a grievance against the master in question. The master claims that it is a forgery. "All of this sort of thing," said Dr. Smart-Aleck, "will end by getting Narkover a bad name."

**A handsome offer**  
HO, sir, Christmas is of coming and the power is of getting fast. What about us three offering up some pantheism with our performance. Chocladin would love to see you in Sindrieter or Dik Willetton. Pray, interpose us three to a hampersario. Own plank and a kabbaray in some heretofore western end hotel. Sniffed. A wink as good as a wink from the anoints to a blind camel.

We have, sir, ho yes, Ashura, Kazuhiko and Ritzanugham.

# Plants, Why Not Beasts, On Mars?

Washington, Nov. 25.

Prof. Ernst J. Opik, noted astronomer and editor of the Irish Astronomical Journal, said on Monday the possibility of animal life on Mars cannot be ruled out.

Prof. Opik said animals of the kind known on earth could not exist on Mars because of lack of oxygen. But he said there certainly is plant life on Mars from which some types of animals might have developed.

However, the scientist described as "day-dreaming" the idea there may be life on the planet Venus. He said all evidence indicated that Venus is a "barren desert" on which nothing could live.

Prof. Opik appeared on a space research and technology lecture series at the University of Maryland, where he is a visiting professor. His observatory is at Armagh, Ireland.

He said the existence of plant life on Mars had been thoroughly observed. He suggested that Mars, like Venus, would be a "barren desert" if vegetation did not flourish during the seasons when the Martian Polar "frost" is melting.—U.P.I.

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## Police Sergeant Denies Charges

### CONSPIRACY TRIAL CONTINUES AT CRIMINAL SESSIONS

Police detective Sergeant Kwan Man-on, 26, on trial in the Criminal Session categorically denied this morning that he conspired with a former police constable to solicit money corruptly from a ballroom manager and that he demanded money from him with menaces.

Sergeant Kwan made the denial when he testified on his own behalf before Mr Justice C. W. Reece and a jury of four men and three women.

Kwan is charged with Cheung Chan, 24, a former police constable, with conspiring together to solicit money corruptly from Cheung Kwok-hung and with demanding \$100 from him.

In his evidence this morning, Sergeant Kwan said that he went alone to a certain cafe in Kowloon on the evening of September 18, not with the purpose of meeting anybody there.

He was not aware that the first accused (Cheung Chan) had arranged to meet the complainant in the cafe that evening.

#### Ordered Tea

Sergeant Kwan said that he took a seat in a booth and ordered a cup of tea. Shortly afterwards some one patted him on the shoulder. He turned round and saw Cheung whom he had known when they were colleagues together in the Marine Police.

Following the usual greetings, Cheung sat down in the booth, occupying the seat opposite to him, Sergeant Kwan said.

A little later the complainant appeared. Cheung Kwok-hung went straight up to him and greeted him. He never knew Cheung before and they were introduced then.

Mr Patrick Yu (Counsel for Kwan): Do you recall the complainant in evidence told the Court that you told him in the booth that you had information that he was a member of an unlawful society?

#### Accused Ill

He said that the trial was delayed because the accused was ill and had been in hospital. The doctor from the Mental Hospital would be giving evidence about his mental state and it would be one of the functions of the jury to decide where or not he was mentally disturbed.

The trial is proceeding.

### WOMAN STABBED

A Chinese woman died from stab wounds this morning. Her body was found outside 81, Sheung Sun Street, Fu Mei New Village at about 3.30 a.m.

The Police have arrested a Chinese who has been charged with murder.

### Man On Trial For Acid Throwing

A factory worker, Lee Lam, went on trial before Mr Justice J. R. Gregg this morning on four counts of throwing corrosive fluid.

The man who appeared to give evidence lost his sight, and had his face washed in bandages. Another appeared with scars down one side of his face and neck and most of his left ear missing.

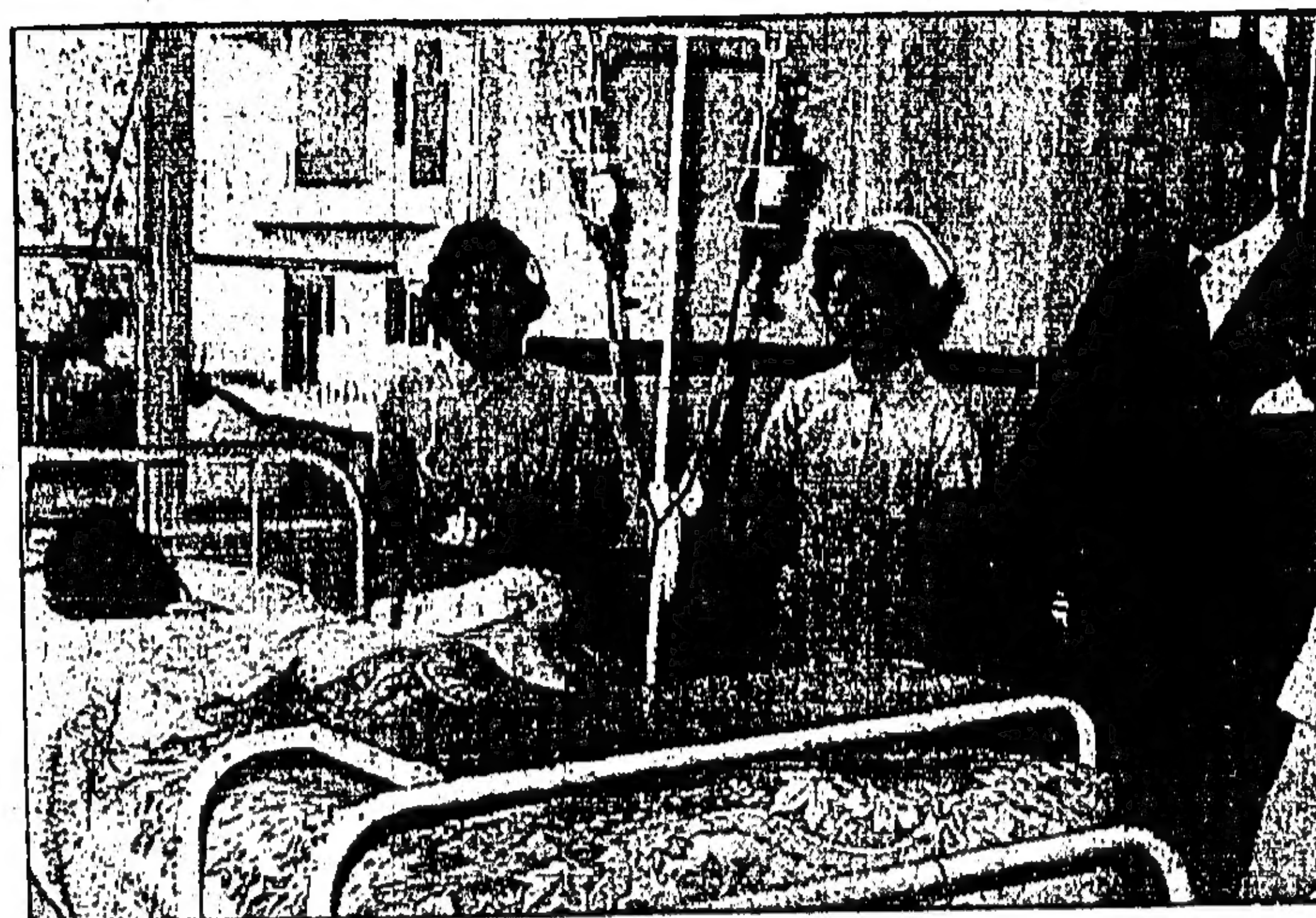
Mr D. E. Greenfield, Crown Counsel, said that the accused worked in a small factory in Shaikwan making knives and the victims were four of his fellow-workers.

The acid was three-quarter-strength sulphuric acid used in the knife-making industry and accessible to all workers there.

#### Reading, Then . . .

The acid was thrown at the four men almost simultaneously between ten and 11 o'clock at night on January 30 this year. Before going to bed the accused sat reading newspapers. Suddenly there was an outcry and the accused was throwing the acid from a bowl on to the four men, said Mr Greenfield.

### Word Of Cheer For A Patient



The Governor, Sir Robert Black, does the rounds of the wards at Queen Mary Hospital. Here he chats to a patient while nurses look on.

## Governor Sees New Man Charged In Taipo Murder Case

His Excellency the Governor Sir Robert Black today saw extension plans for Queen Mary Hospital during the course of a three-hour visit.

One plan was for a 12-storey building behind the hospital with 160 extra beds. Another was for a broader based six-storey building which would be constructed south of the hospital and would hold 200 beds.

### Children's Banner To Welcome Lady Black

A crimson and gold banner emblazoned "Welcome Lady Black" adorned the Sung Len Middle School on Leighton Road during her visit and tour of inspection this morning.

Lady Black was accompanied by the Principal, Miss B. G. Spohnfeld, the Medical Superintendent, Dr R. W. Holloway, the senior sister tutor, Miss F. White and the Hospital Secretary, Mr K. K. Reid.

In the Casualty room on the ground floor, he was received by the Casualty Officer, Dr Angus McGowan. Practically all casualties occurring on Hongkong Island are brought to this department—this means about 80 cases a day.

In the hospital as a whole—where there are 600 beds—the number of in-patients treated every year is about 13,000 or just about double the number in 1948. Of these about 2,000 are maternity cases.

#### BUNNY HOPS

In the first classroom youngsters in green overalls demonstrated action songs, while children in white in the play ground were doing physical training with two instructors.

The performed agile bunny hops which amused Lady Black as she went through to the expression work room.

In the Wendy House a doll's tea party was in progress. Young artists were producing the most colourful pictures at their easels.

Four solemn youngsters were in the course of constructing a farmyard in the plasticine tray.

The next school visited by Lady Black was the New Method College on Caroline Hill Road, where Mr W.T.S. Wang, school principal, waited to welcome Lady Black and her party which included also Mr C.H. Law, Inspector in charge of private schools.

ARCHIMEDES  
Lady Black visited the majority of the 45 classrooms taking interest in the lessons in progress, the questioning and encouraging the children.

On the ground floor the laboratories, physics, chemistry and biology rooms were visited. In one, Archimedes' Principle was being expounded. In another the vascular system of a frog was under study and specimens were being dissected.

### Ten Roof-top Huts Burnt Out

About ten roof-top squatter huts at 49-51 Stone Nullah Lane, near the Wanchai Market, were completely burnt out, when a fire broke out there at 10.55 a.m. today.

There were no known casualties. Four fire appliances and an ambulance rushed to the scene almost immediately the fire broke out and prompt action by firemen prevented the blaze from spreading to another 15 huts on the same roof.

During the fire, traffic along Queen's Road was stopped, and Police kept onlookers away from the scene. The fire was brought under control at about 11.10 a.m.

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Outpatients  
In addition about 50,000 outpatients are seen each year in casualty wards and various clinics.

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THE Rev. William Walton Rogers, Vicar of St Andrew's Church, Kowloon since 1927, is leaving the Colony in the Spring and will take up work in England. His successor is the Rev. J. R. Higgs.

ALMOST unknown to the majority of the community, a new volunteer organization has appeared in the Colony. The organization is the Imperial Overseas Legion of Frontiersmen, a trained, uniformed body of imperially-minded Britons.

Few would have known anything about them but for their appearance on parade at the Constat ceremony on Armistice day when their smart appearance attracted attention.

The founder of the Legion was Roger Pocock, soldier, scout, author, traveller and adventurer. He obtained his inspiration from the Royal North West Mounted Police of Canada, on which the Legion's uniform is modelled.

The Hongkong unit was formed in September, 1932, and had made sufficiently rapid progress by January this year to be able to establish its headquarters and clubhouse at 19 Waterloo Road, Kowloon where they are still to be found.

THERE can be no doubt that one of the most crying needs of the Colony is the clearance and complete reconstruction with open spaces of the congested areas in the older parts of the city of Victoria. The existing conditions not only produce disease among the inhabitants of those areas but also render these potential breeding places of disease a standing menace to the health of the whole community.

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